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UN plans evacuation of 15,000 Bosnia Muslims

By Tim Judah
in Belgrade and Our Foreign Staff

THE United Nations will today launch a mass evacuation of the besieged Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica, which is in imminent danger of falling to advancing Serbs. Daily convoys of 20 lorries will be used to move some 15,000 Muslims from the town.

The operation will begin as military commanders meet in Sarajevo to try to consolidate an eight-day-old ceasefire around Srebrenica that is already under severe strain. Hand-to-hand fighting and artillery fire were reported near the town yesterday and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees' special envoy, Jose-Maria Mendiluce, said: "The frontlines are slowly but surely being squeezed by Serb forces." Haris Siljdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, added: "Srebrenica is now practically encircled by the Serbian forces and that circle is becoming smaller and smaller."

UN officials are aware that the mass evacuation plan — approved by the Bosnia's President Izetbegovic — could give rise to complaints that they are doing the "ethnic cleansing" for the Serbs, but they say the situation in Srebrenica is so desperate that they have no choice but to act to save lives. "This way is better than the mass panic there will be when it falls," one officials said.

Señor Mediluce said that the next 48 hours would prove crucial, and today's meeting in Sarajevo — on the anniversary of the siege of the Bosnian capital — is seen as a key test of the warring factions' willingness to negotiate peace. UN officials suggested that if the Serbs failed to co-operate with the Owen-Vance peace plan, the international community would be forced to take stronger action and Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, indicated for the first time yesterday that America would press for the arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims to be lifted if the Serbs continued to reject the peace efforts.

Mr Christopher conceded that that would escalate the fighting and halt international relief convoys, but said it would "level the playing field". He declined to suggest when America might act, saying only: "It would not be a matter of months." Lord Owen also called yesterday for relentless pressure to be applied to the Serbs, but he opposed arming any of the parties and Douglas Hurd said that such action would merely create "a level killing field".

The UN has already agreed to use military power to enforce the air exclusion zone over the republic and is studying a draft to intensify sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia. On top of that, the Western European Union agreed yesterday to provide speedboats and armed police to the Danube to enforce the sanctions against Serbia.

But the Serbs are maintaining their opposition to the map of Bosnia drawn under the Owen-Vance peace plan, and yesterday the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb republic announced "an all-Serbian assembly" to be held in a fortnight to further plans for a union of Serbian states. Aleksa Buha, the "foreign minister" said he would be sending invitations to the parliaments of Serbia, Montenegro and the self-proclaimed Serb republic of Krajina in Croatia to join the Bosnian Serbs in a "pan-Serbian parliament".

General Philippe Morillon, the UN commander in Bosnia, said yesterday that international pressure must be maintained to persuade the Serbs to accept the peace plan, but he said they may "need a little more time to come round to this way of thinking".

In the meantime, the UN is refining plans for protecting the 60,000 people caught in Srebrenica. Officials fear that if and when the town falls, thousands will die trying to flee, so the UNHCR therefore plans to send in 20 lorries a day to take people to the relative safety of government-held Tuzla. Two convoys have already moved more than 5,000, but 13 people have died in the crush to board the lorries.

On Sunday, thousands mobbed lorries that were due to take the wounded to safety, but armed Bosnian soldiers prevented the evacuation, accusing the UN of collaborating in the "ethnic cleansing" of a town they had defended for a year. Martin de Smet, a doctor working with the French charity Médecins Sans Frontières, said that nothing had prepared him for the awful sight of the screaming of war disabled and amputees who had been promised that they would be taken out. "They all marched up from the building where they had been recuperating. Then they surrounded the UN building. There were terrible scenes. It was terrible to see their faces."

Dr de Smet confirmed that the Bosnian ceasefire, which had been holding for a week, had broken down around Srebrenica and Sarajevo radio reported fierce infantry and artillery attacks on the town. The fighting raised a question mark over today's meeting in Sarajevo, although President Izetbegovic said it would go ahead. But Mr Silajdzic expressed grave misgivings, saying the meeting would be used as a cover for ethnic cleansing: "It makes everybody look like they are doing something. Their conscience is assuaged."

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Out of the storm: Muslim refugees from Srebenica in a camp at Serici, near Tuzla, yesterday. They will be followed by 15,000 other evacuees

British soldier saved by helmet

A military helmet probably saved a British soldier from death yesterday, when he was shot and seriously injured near Vitez, Bosnia. Staff Sergeant Peter Bristo, 29, of the Royal Logistic Corps, was being flown to Britain and he is likely to have an operation today Page 14

Woman who won £148,000 on the National

By Edward Gorman
Ireland Correspondent

NOT everybody lost on the Grand National that never was. While the punters, the bookies, the jockeys, the trainers and even the government counted their losses yesterday, a woman from County Cork was celebrating an extraordinary win.

Caroline McCarthy, who works as a nanny to the children of the leading trainer Tommy Stack, won nearly £147,000. Ms McCarthy was in the leading position in the *Racing Post's* "Ten to Follow" competition going into the Grand National, the last race in the contest.

The competition begins in November, at the end of the flat season, and each entrant takes 10 horses and then accumulates points each time one of them wins. Bonuses are awarded for victories in the most important races. Ms McCarthy made an outstanding choice, picking Granville Again, winner of the Champion Hurdle, at Cheltenham, Jodami, which won the Gold Cup, and The Fellow, winner of the King George VI Chase at Kempton.

However, she failed to name a horse which lined up for the Grand National and so, despite being narrowly in the lead on Saturday morning with 410 points, had already accepted that she was very unlikely to win.

With 50 points in the competition going to the winner of the National, her only realistic chance was if a rank outsider not chosen by any of the 30 competitors within reach of her, ran in a winner. But as the race was not run the points table was left unchanged and she was the winner by five points. Her first prize is worth £146,210. ed winner.

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Kasparov calls on Fide to drop chess title plan

From Robert Crampton
in Moscow

FIDE, the international chess federation, is going ahead with plans to stage a new world championship match in spite of a warning from Gary Kasparov, the current champion, to drop the idea. As a result two players are likely later this year to claim the title.

Fide stripped Kasparov of his official world title last month because he refused to defend it in Manchester in August.

Instead, he and Nigel Short, the British challenger, are agreeing terms with *The Times* to play in London in September to decide who is the best player in the world.



Kasparov: Fide would be stupid to start war

The Times has led a bid of £1.7 million for the match. "The most stupid thing Fide can do now is to launch a war against myself and Short," Kasparov told *Izvestia* yesterday in Moscow. "I am absolutely convinced there cannot be two simultaneous world champions, irrespective of how many matches are held."

Fide, however, has just called for bids to stage its own world championship match between Anatoly Karpov, the former world champion, and Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster. Short defeated both of them in official Fide playoffs to find a challenger.

Patten defies challenge to drop tests

By John O'Leary, Education Correspondent

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, yesterday stood out against mounting pressure from teaching unions and political opponents to abandon this year's national curriculum tests.

Leaders of the two unions whose annual conferences take place this week appealed to Mr Patten to call off compulsory classroom tests before their members join the testing boycott imposed by the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers.

Mr Patten, who will address the moderate Association of Teachers and Lecturers in Cardiff tomorrow, insisted that the tests would go ahead. He put on a brave face in a speech to industrialists, claiming that the present controversy would raise public awareness of educational issues and help create an "education culture" necessary to raise standards.

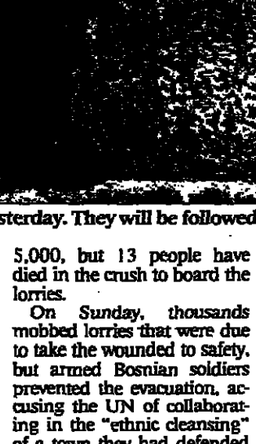
In the short term, however, this summer's tests looked even more vulnerable. The National Union of Teachers, which is committed to action only against the English tests for pupils aged 14, announced that a wholesale boycott will be considered at its conference on Saturday.

Although the union's executive has resisted widening the dispute, it may change its line in an emergency motion for the conference. An amendment supported by left-wing groups already calls for a full-scale boycott.

Doug McAvoy, the general secretary, wrote to Mr Patten: "The union has already declared its intention to boycott the English tests for 14-year-

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Escaped IRA man remanded

By Elaine Fogg

NESSAN Quinlivan, the IRA suspect who escaped from Brixton jail two years ago, was last night remanded in custody on four firearms charges by an anti-terrorist special criminal court in Dublin.

During the 15-minute court hearing no mention was made of any application by Scotland Yard for the extradition of Quinlivan, who is wanted in Britain in connection with conspiracy charges and his escape from Brixton.

Quinlivan, 29, from Limerick, was arrested early on Sunday at an isolated farmhouse near Nenagh, Co Tipperary. He will appear again at the special criminal court, which sits without a jury, on April 20.

Quinlivan was accused on four counts of having a revolver and ammunition at the time of his arrest with intent to endanger life and for unlawful purposes.

Quinlivan made his court appearance after being driven for 100 miles in a high-security convoy from Nenagh to Dublin late yesterday afternoon.

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Patients must be told about Aids doctors

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

ALL patients operated on by surgeons who subsequently turn out to be infected with HIV, the Aids causing virus, must be contacted and offered advice and a test if they want it, Dr Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical officer said yesterday. But the identity of the infected doctor must not be disclosed in public, except where it is necessary to protect the public, he said.

Issuing new guidance to health authorities, Dr Calman said that health care workers had an ethical duty to protect patients. "Doctors, dentists, nurses and others who believe they may have been exposed to HIV infection must seek medical advice and an HIV test if this is appropriate," he said.

The moves follow widespread concern over delays in disclosures by health authorities of HIV-infected workers who may have put patients at risk. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, last month announced that the government would be issuing guidelines, a day after it emerged that Mid Glamorgan health authority delayed five months before revealing that one of its doctors died from an Aids-related illness.

The new guidance says that patients operated on up to five years ago by an HIV-infected surgeon must be contacted and up to ten years ago by one who has developed Aids. Where staff assisting the main surgeon are infected, the decision on whether to inform patients is to be left to the health authority.

Preserving the infected doctors' anonymity was essential to ensure others came forward voluntarily for testing, Dr Calman said. Only in rare cases would disclosure be necessary. Patients who

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Guernsey rejects quayside fish deal

FROM NICHOLAS WATT IN ST PETER PORT

ATTEMPTS by Channel Island fishermen to appease French trawlermen were last night disowned by officials on Guernsey. As the prosecution opened its case against the skipper of a French trawler in St Peter Port, the head of the island's fisheries department dismissed yesterday's joint call for the British and French governments to renegotiate last year's agreement over disputed fishing waters.

Nigel Lewis, chief executive of the Guernsey sea fisheries committee, said that last July's agreement over the Schole Bank fishing area was not up for renegotiation. "The fishermen may feel that they can tackle it and rewrite the rule book, but we have no intention of doing that," he said.

Forty French trawlermen descended on Channel Island fishermen early yesterday morning and asked for talks as they unloaded their catches in Normandy. The French are angry that the agreement restricts access to the Schole Bank to limited French vessels. After talks at the quayside in Cherbourg the two sides agreed a joint letter which was sent to Paris and London.

Mr Lewis was unmoved. "When a small number of British fishermen in Cherbourg are approached by so many Frenchmen that is a persuasive tool to sit down and talk," he said.

The fishermen defended their talks. Colin Cook, skipper of *Le Cap*, said: "We agreed with them that they have great difficulties over the disputed waters. We told them that it was up to the French and British governments to sort out the problem and we all agreed to support them in getting the negotiations started." Mr Cook had just finished unloading his crab when the French arrived. "I looked up at the quay and suddenly there were all these fishermen. But they weren't at all threatening," he said.

Normandy fishermen have threatened to blockade Cherbourg if they are unhappy with the outcome of the case against Michel Mesnage, 40, from Brix in Normandy. He made his second court appearance on charges of fishing in British waters on March 28 and disobeying the orders of a fishery protection officer on the same day. M Mesnage pleaded not guilty to both charges yesterday. The case was adjourned until today.

☐ Polish fishermen blocked all the country's ports yesterday to demand state protection for their struggling industry, hit by cheap imports from the former Soviet Union. Organisers said about 200 vessels were taking part in the blockade.

TONY MAXWELL



Handcuffed: Nessan Quinlivan, the IRA suspect, leaving Nenagh police station in co. Tipperary between two officers yesterday. He was remanded in custody at Dublin's anti-terrorist Special Criminal Court later on four firearms charges. Full story, page 1

BR braces itself for second shutdown as Aslef votes on strike

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

RAIL union leaders will today consider calling a repeat of the 24-hour strike that shut down the British Rail network last Friday.

Prospects of another strike on Thursday, which some members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union had been pressing for, receded when its executive yesterday deferred until this morning consideration of what to do next. A strike at such short notice is unlikely.

BR, however, is bracing itself for strike action on another front. It believes that members of the train drivers' union, Aslef, have voted for strikes against the planned privatisation of the railways. Voting among Aslef members ends tomorrow.

Some RMT members have called for midweek action after the Easter break. But, although the executive is likely to emphasise today that it has a standing mandate for a strike, it may accept an invitation from BR to negotiate about jobs. BR is unlikely to be swayed from its insistence that it cannot give a guarantee against compulsory redundancies, but senior managers believe there is room for a deal that could avert further strike action by the RMT.

"You cannot expect any organisation to give that unconditional guarantee," a spokesman said. "We would want to encourage the union to consider the fact that a £10 million loss at the end of the day will cripple business and lead to further job losses."

BR would be hit hard by another strike, he admitted. "The revenue is lost and gone for ever, and that's serious. We cannot afford to lose that much on a daily basis."

A strike by Aslef would stop the network as effectively as last week's strike by the RMT. But this time BR, which last Friday made no effort to run a service, might act to prevent further loss of revenue.

Miners in the moderate Union of Democratic Mineworkers yesterday maintained their anti-strike policy by voting not to stage a 24-hour stoppage over the pit closures.

The National Union of Mineworkers went on strike for 24 hours at the same time as the RMT, but yesterday the UDM, which broke away from the NUM during the national miners' strike in 1984-5, refused to follow suit. They voted 3,673 to 2,943 (55 to 45 per cent) against a stoppage.

Although only just over half the membership took part in the ballot, British Coal managers are likely to view the number in favour of striking as an indication of the depth of feeling about the pit closure plans, among even normally loyal mineworkers.

Neil Greatrex, national president of the UDM, who supported strike action, was disappointed with the result. But he said many members were probably influenced by the action taken by the rival NUM last week, which appeared not to have affected the government or British Coal resolve over closures.

Teachers list demands to quell test rebellion

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

A TRADITIONALLY moderate teaching union yesterday listed its demands to stop members joining the rebellion against the government's policy on testing pupils.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL), said that John Patten, the education secretary, must make this summer's tests voluntary and order a radical review of the national curriculum to remedy its faults by next year.

The union also wants the new Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA), which will be responsible for the curriculum and testing, to be depoliticised by removing members identified with right-wing think-tanks and appointing teachers.

The union will play host to Mr Patten tomorrow at its annual conference in Cardiff before deciding on Thursday whether to ballot its members on a boycott of this summer's tests. The vote is critical because head teachers believe the tests for pupils aged seven, 11 and 14 cannot go ahead if the ATL opposes them.

The more radical National Union of Teachers, the largest classroom union, is likely to vote this weekend to join the revolt by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

Mr Smith said Mr Patten had a great opportunity when he spoke to the ATL conference. "Everybody is in a mess. Mr Patten can either pour petrol on a brushfire or hose it down."

Unless Mr Patten offered clear concessions the union was likely to heed calls for action, Mr Smith said. "The tests cannot go ahead if three-quarters of teachers are saying they will not implement them.

"Teachers are not opposed to the national curriculum, testing or giving more information to parents, and the risk is that if Mr Patten is stubborn he will jeopardise reforms that are supposed to last for the next quarter of a century."

The review must work to produce reliable tests acceptable to professionals, and slim down the curriculum to reduce teachers' workload, he said.

Mr Smith said he welcomed an invitation from Sir Ron Dearing, SCAA's chairman, to a meeting next week, which offered a "chink of light".

Louise Kidd, president of the Secondary Heads Association, said the ATL could force the tests to be abandoned this summer. "Head teachers cannot ensure children are tested if they have no staff," she said.

Former UDA man shot dead at home

A former member of the Ulster Defence Association was shot dead at his home in the fishing village of Portavogie, co. Down, early yesterday in what police believe to be a paramilitary attack. Billy Killen, a 36-year-old Protestant, was hit several times at close range when gunmen burst into his bedroom at around midnight. Earlier, they had hijacked a taxi, handcuffing the driver and locking him in the boot. He was later released unharmed.

Mr Killen is believed to have served a prison sentence in the 1970s for a serious offence and was recently freed on bail on charges in connection with robberies in the Portavogie area. He survived an attempt on his life six years ago when he managed to get out of his home when gunmen came looking for him.

Meanwhile, army bomb disposal experts in Carrickmore, co. Tyrone, defused a Semtex-based device attached to a large quantity of flammable liquid which was designed to immolate anyone caught in its blast.

New army corps falls in

British soldiers throughout the world yesterday took part in the biggest amalgamation of army units this century, with the formation of the Royal Logistic Corps. The corps of 20,000 men and women represents 16 per cent of the army. Troops stationed in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Northern Ireland, Germany, the Falkland Islands, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Belize and the UK took part in parades marking the change, which involves the Postal and Courier Service of the Royal Engineers, the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the Royal Pioneer Corps, and the Army Catering Corps. The move is expected to save up to 40 per cent in costs.

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Pull-out costs £60,000

A property developer which pulled out of a public enquiry on the morning it began has been ordered to pay costs of more than £60,000. Landmatch, of Royston, Hertfordshire, was appealing against a decision to reject planning permission for a new village of 1,500 homes near Kennett, Cambridgeshire. After Landmatch decided to pull out of the hearing, Michael Howard, the environment secretary, awarded costs to a number of local authorities that had spent six months preparing for the enquiry.

Branagh joins De Niro

Robert de Niro is to play Frankenstein's monster alongside Kenneth Branagh as the scientist in a new film version of Mary Shelley's novel. Mr Branagh will also direct the film, being made by his company Renaissance Films. Tamar Thomas, of Renaissance, said: "Robert de Niro has definitely accepted the role." Nobody else has been cast yet, but Emma Thompson, Mr Branagh's Oscar-winning wife, usually appears in his productions. Renaissance hopes the film will be shot in Britain late this year.

Beach guide faces action

Bournemouth and South Wight district councils were last night considering taking legal action against the compilers of the *Heinz Good Beach Guide* after their beaches were said not to have reached the required standards of cleanliness. The Marine Conservation Society said it based the guide on National River Authority figures, but the NRA said the guide's findings were contradictory. The MCS apologised for "any confusion".

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MP wins libel damages



Sir James Kilfedder, MP for North Down in Northern Ireland, received a public apology and undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday over a suggestion that he was bribed with a knighthood by the prime minister to support the Conservatives in the event of a hung parliament. Sir James, right, leader of the Ulster Popular Unionist party, sued *The Glasgow Herald* newspaper.

Mickey sold for £12,000

A Mickey Mouse tinplate toy found two months ago in a Midlands attic set a £12,100 record for a Disney plating when it was sold at Christie's, in London, yesterday. Mickey was shown as an organ grinder as Minnie Mouse danced on top of a street organ, to what the catalogue called "a rinky-tink tune". All the best tinplate toys were made in pre-war Germany, and this example dated from 1931. It was bought by a private toy museum in Gothenburg, Sweden. Collectors were most excited by the toy's original cardboard box.

Dog track set alight

Powderhall Stadium, Edinburgh's dog racing circuit, was set on fire last night by a gang who blindfolded and tied up a 69-year-old security guard. The guard is recovering in hospital from shock after managing to free himself. He was attacked at about 10.30pm on Sunday night. At 2.15am on Monday morning, a passing police patrol noticed that the two-storey west-end stand, which also includes offices, was ablaze. Eighteen fire fighters brought the fire under control. The police have appealed for witnesses.

Patten defies threat by school unions

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olds. I predict that conference delegates this weekend will support a call to widen this."

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said Mr Patten must make this summer's tests voluntary and order a radical review of the national curriculum to remedy its faults by next year. Mr Patten had the opportunity in his conference address to "pour petrol on a brushfire or hose it down", he said. Unless clear concessions were offered, the union was likely to vote on Thursday to ballot members on a boycott, leaving next term's tests in shambles.

Labour added to the pressure on the government. "I think that for once in his life, Mr Patten should accept that he has been wrong and admit it," Ann Taylor, the party's education spokeswoman, said on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*. "I do not think he should be imposing these tests in which teachers do not have confidence and parents do not have confidence."

Mr Patten's officials argued that he had made a number of concessions on this year's tests and promised to review both the curriculum and its associated testing for future years. No further changes could be contemplated before next term's tests.

In his speech to the Institute of Directors, Mr Patten again insisted that testing was "critically important" to gauge children's progress both individually and nationally. The results might make uncomfortable reading, but they had to be collected if standards were to rise.

Mr McAvoy said in his letter to Mr Patten it would be "grossly unfair" on teachers and pupils if the tests went ahead while the government was planning a "root and branch" review of the national curriculum and its arrangements for testing.

Mr Patten is expected to counter growing pressure with a pledge to review the national curriculum and testing and assessment arrangements. Even senior Tories and government education advisers are now calling on Mr Patten to re-think the curriculum and its tests, which have been criticised as overloaded, over-elaborate and time-consuming.

☐ Mr Patten announced yesterday that the introduction of vocational qualifications for those aged 16 to 19 is to be speeded up. The government wants as many as half the age group to study for General National Vocational Qualifications (GNVQs), which it hopes will gain support from universities and employers.

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Yesterday's media urged readers and listeners to use their returned Grand National bets to feed starving children in former Yugoslavia. Here's how you can help today.

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undergo invasive procedures by an HIV-infected surgeon run a small risk of acquiring the infection. Although there is no confirmed case in the world of the virus being transmitted in this way, no large follow-up studies of patients have been done.

Doctors frequently prick or scratch themselves during surgery: half of orthopaedic surgeons questioned in a UK study said they had cut themselves during surgery in the past month. American researchers estimate that up to 128 patients could have been infected with HIV by surgeons between 1981 and 1990.

The American estimate, cited in a report by the Royal College of Pathologists last year, is based on infection rates of Hepatitis B, which is transmitted in the same way as HIV and is an acknowledged hazard of surgery for patients and doctors. HIV is estimated to be a hundredfold less infectious. The College of Pathologists concluded that the risk of infection was very low but noted that "the consequences of any such transmission would be grave and the matter has caused the general public considerable anxiety".

Risks to health workers from HIV-infected patients are higher because they are exposed to larger quantities of the patient's blood. Calls for mandatory testing of doctors would be likely to be met with demands from doctors for all patients to be tested.

Dr Calman said yesterday he had accepted the advice of the Expert Advisory Group on Aids that there was no justification for routine testing of health care workers for HIV. "This would be impractical and ineffective," he said.

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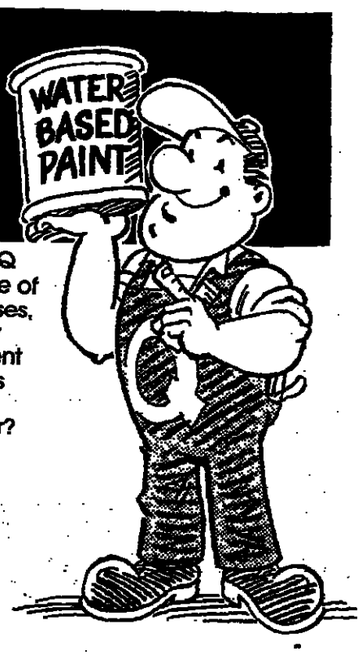
Prince will open Cornish Tate gallery

THE new Cornish outpost of the Tate Gallery, built to house work by major figures of mid-20th century art who lived and worked in St Ives, will be opened in June by the Prince of Wales, it was announced yesterday (Alison Roberts writes).

The gallery, which has cost £3.3 million and backs into the cliff face overlooking Porthmeor Beach, has been built to celebrate the circle of abstract avant-garde British artists who colonised St Ives in the 1930s. It will draw on the Tate's collection and show paintings, sculpture, drawings and ceramics from 1925 to the present day by artists including Ben Nicholson, Barbara Hepworth, Roger Hilton and Terry Frost.

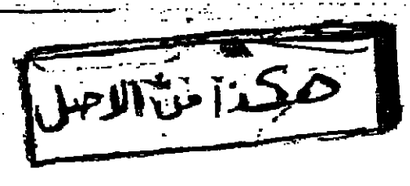
Eldred Evans, the gallery's architect, said: "You can see the landscape at the same time as the painters' visions of it."

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British tourists killed in spate of freak accidents

BY IAN MURRAY

THREE British tourists, including two from one small town in Oxfordshire, have been killed in a series of freak accidents. One was shot, one was drowned and one, a nine-year-old boy, was killed when a ski lift broke down.

The boy, Michael Roper from Carterton in Oxfordshire, was killed instantly on Sunday when he and Philip Giles, 13, were knocked out of a chair on a ski lift at south Tahoe in California and fell 30ft on to the rock-hard ice below. The lift stopped and the boy's mother, Karen Roper, who was in the next chair with Philip's father, was trapped for nearly an hour looking down at the boys, unable to do anything.

It took four hours before rescue teams could free the lift. An enquiry has been started into the accident, which happened after one chair crashed into a pylon and the following chair, in which the two boys were travelling, smashed into it.

Philip has spinal injuries and is now in intensive care in hospital. His grandmother, Betty Giles, said: "Karen saw the whole thing and was screaming hysterically and could do nothing about it. It was just awful."

Three days earlier another resident of Carterton was killed in California in a white water rafting accident. Steve Murray, 33, was the only one of five people aboard the raft who failed to reach shore when it tipped over in rapids on the Stanislaus river near Modesto, San Francisco. A keen water skier, he was a strong competition swimmer and was wearing a life-jacket, but no one aboard the raft with him saw him come to the surface after the accident.

His wife, Karen, who is expecting her first baby in August, managed to swim ashore with the others but it took three hours for them to reach base and raise the alarm.

The third incident involved a young traveller who was caught in a gun battle between a security guard and bandits in Manaus, situated on the Amazon in Brazil. Nicholas Lynch, 24, an engineering graduate from Swansea University, had left his home in Didsbury, Manchester, in February for a year-long backpacking trip round the world.

He travelled to Rio de Janeiro before setting off up the Amazon with two friends. On Saturday they reached Manaus and became caught up in the middle of a gun battle between a security guard and a group of bandits.

The bodies of all three Britons are expected to be flown back to Britain later this week for family funerals.

Meanwhile tour operators, in an effort to avoid violent incidents involving British holidaymakers in Florida, are to give British visitors to Miami detailed maps showing the dangerous areas of the city and guidelines on how to avoid being mugged.

Representatives will meet tourists at the airport and hand out leaflets explaining that visiting part of the city — one of the most violent in America — could prove dangerous.

The initiative, in which car hire companies will also remove signs distinguishing visitors' cars, follows the murder of a German tourist in the city this week.

Florida officials are to introduce laws removing stickers including the word "leased" from car bumpers and windows, as well as the tell-tale letters "Y" and "Z" from licence plates.

Signs showing visitors the safest way out of the airport and additional lighting are to be installed within the next few weeks.

Since November six foreign visitors to Florida have been murdered.

Fatal tourist traps, page 16



Taking the strain: the 88-ton *Flying Scotsman*, the first steam engine to exceed 100mph, leaves Llangollen for the Midlands by low loader. The 1923 engine failed a boiler inspection as it was about to start a month's booking with the Llangollen Steam Railway

Tube staff win race bias compensation

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LONDON Underground yesterday agreed to pay 20 black station managers more than £60,000 after admitting racial discrimination. In the largest case of its kind to come before an industrial tribunal, the Underground conceded its performance-related pay system, introduced in 1989, was not carried out as it should have been and allowed white managers to practise discrimination.

The tribunal in south London heard how the men, who had been recruited in the Caribbean 30 years ago, became bitter and disillusioned when white staff they had sometimes trained were promoted above them.

Makbool Javaid, principal officer for the Commission for Racial Equality, said: "Hopefully this will become a landmark case and will send out a warning to other large employers throughout Britain and make them consider the way they treat black workers."

Tony Garner, 53, of Tooting, south London, who joined the company in 1964 as a sweeper and lavatory cleaner said: "We are not rebels or anarchists. We are honest, hard working people who just felt that enough was enough."

Mr Garner, who left his £27,500-a-year job as duty crew manager last week, said: "We were angry and bitter. Workers from lower grades were being promoted. They were mostly white young guys, some of whom I had managed. The managers selected who they wanted and if their face fitted. Unfortunately the majority were white."

Wilbert Haynes, 58, from Wembley, who joined the Undergroundfrom Barbados in 1956 said: "There were problems over the years, including whispered racial comments, but it really came to a head with performance related pay."

Each man was awared £1,500 for injury to feelings, £1,000 for the loss of earnings and £650 to re-imburse voluntary severance payments and pensions.

The Grand National

Jockey Club starts enquiry into Aintree's day of farce

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE Jockey Club yesterday launched its own investigation into the fiasco of Saturday's Grand National and said that it was introducing measures to minimise the chance of a repeat. The race was declared void and reduced to farce after 30 of the 39 runners did not realise that the starter had declared a false start.

The prime minister yesterday expressed sympathy for the millions who bet on the race. "It was a very unfortunate incident and I feel very sorry for the people involved and for the millions of people who had a stake," he said.

John Major was speaking at the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee in Switzerland, where he was promoting Manchester's claim to host the 2000 Olympics. He said that the fiasco would not harm its chances. "I don't believe it will make the slightest difference, he said. "Someone made a mistake — these things happen from time to time. I don't believe it will affect our reputation, built up over generations."

The Jockey Club set up a working group to examine events leading up to the start of the race, particularly the role of the starter, Captain Keith Brown, and the recall official, Ken Evans. The Jockey Club and Aintree officials emphasised that neither man had been deemed guilty of any breach of rules at this early stage.

The working group will consist of representatives of trainers, jockeys and the club's racecourse department. No timetable has been established, but David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, said that he would be surprised if the group's findings were not in with the stewards "within the month".

In the meantime, the Jockey Club has contacted the Racecourse Association with a package of interim measures aimed at minimising the chances of any failure to the start and recall procedure in future races. The working group will report its findings to the stewards, who will call for a disciplinary committee enquiry if it seems that a breach of the rules of racing may have occurred.

By coincidence, Jockey Club members voted yesterday to formalise the British Horseracing Board, which will take over many of the club's responsibilities The board was formed largely through the insistence of the Marquess of Hartington, the club's senior steward, with support from the outgoing chief executive, Christopher Haines, after a report by the Commons home affairs committee two years ago delivered a damaging verdict on the club's ability to govern racing.

Until yesterday's vote, which is subject to amendments to the royal charter under which the club was established, the Jockey Club was all-powerful.

The Grand National's sponsor, Martell, yesterday said that it was waiting for the result of the enquiry before committing itself. "We want to know all the facts, exactly what happened, before we say anything more about this," a spokeswoman said.

Martell took over sponsorship of the entire three-day meeting last year from its parent company, Seagram, which has injected £4 million into the racing festival since 1983.

The enquiry is bound to centre on the role of the starter and the recall man. Captain Brown, on the starter's rostrum, may have prompted jockeys to anticipate the start when he said: "All right, come on". At that point, he did not appear to have his hand on the starting tape trigger. This delay may have precipitated a number of horses becoming entangled in the tape.

As the weekend's high tempers subsided, so did the threat of legal action. The bookmaker William Hill yesterday decided not to instigate legal proceedings against the Jockey Club or the racecourse. Bookies also rejected suggestions that there might be a huge pool of unclaimed stake money, from the sum ofup to £75 million bet, that could be used to benefit charities. "Our experience is that, when punters have money to come, they collect it," William Hill said.



Hartington: pressed for changes in racing

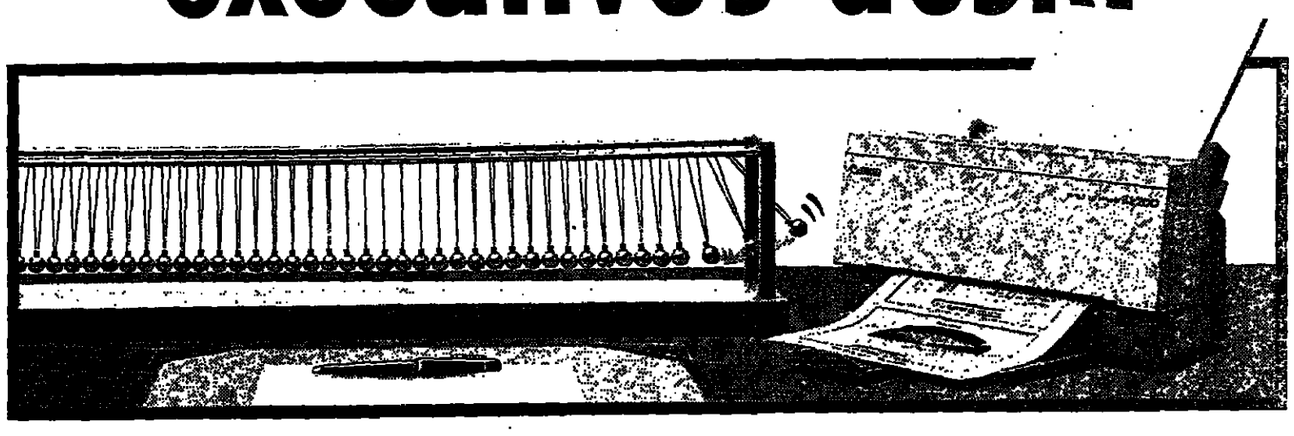
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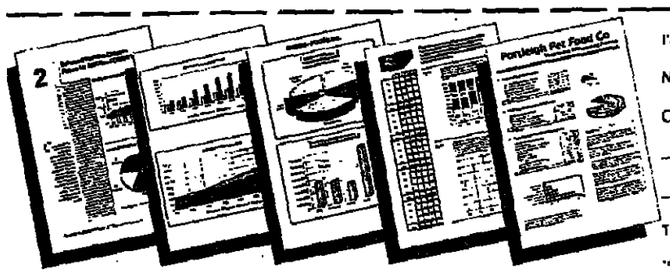
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Wildlife film maker killed in fall from airship over jungle

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

■ Tributes are paid to an award-winning *Survival* cameraman whose life included brushes with elephants and a volcano

ONE of the world's finest wildlife cameramen, Dieter Plage, has been killed in an airship accident while filming in the Indonesian jungle for the Anglia Television programme, *Survival*.

As his wife Mary watched from the ground, Mr Plage fell into the jungle canopy and then 50 feet to the ground. He regained consciousness briefly and members of the ground crew, including Freidemann Koester, fellow cameraman and and close friend made a desperate attempt to get him to a hospital. They battled through the jungle and across two rivers for 90 minutes, but Mr Plage did not survive the journey.

The frontline *Survival* cameraman, who lived near Norwich, Norfolk, was piloting his one-man airship, which he used as a platform from which to film, when it became entangled in the branches of a tree and he fell to his death while trying to secure a camera.

The exact nature of the accident remained unclear yesterday, but it appears that problems with the airship's rudder may have caused the airship to crash into the trees.

Mr Plage was an experienced pilot who had flown in some of the most hazardous terrains in the world, but he had only piloted the specially built airship once. His wife acted as his assistant and often accompanied him on assignments.

Mr Plage, 57, more than 6ft tall and known as "the gentle giant", had worked for *Survival* for 25 years and made about 20 films, many of which became classics, including the much-loved 1973 film *Gorilla*. He won many international awards for his work.

A spokesman at Anglia said staff were "totally shocked" by the tragedy. Sir Peter Gibbings, the chairman, described Mr Plage's work as "a fitting and lasting memorial".

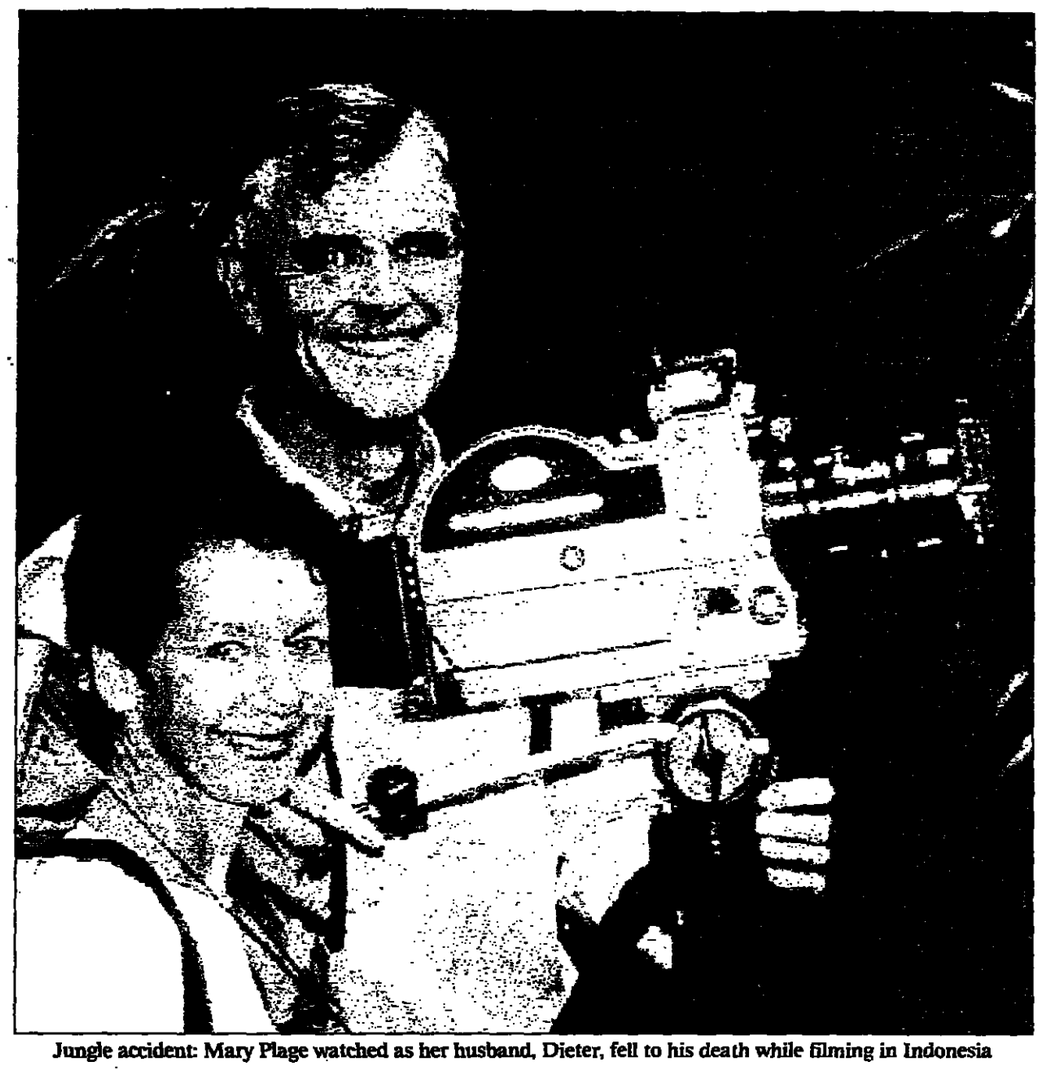
Lord Buxton, the founder and former chairman of *Survival*, now an independent company within Anglia, also paid tribute to the cameraman yesterday. "However brilliant other photographers may be now or in the future, his great individualism and unusual bravery will never be matched in this demanding profession," he said.

Mr Plage was famous for his dangerous encounters: he narrowly escaped a charging bull elephant in Africa and almost suffocated while filming in a volcano crater.

Since the first *Survival* was broadcast in 1961, three men have been killed while filming. The spokesman for the programme, which is watched by millions of people in more than 100 countries, said: "There is always a risk, mainly through working in remote areas and from the animals themselves. Dieter was an expert, but sometimes got into difficult situations."

His last film to be shown on ITV was *A Brush with Nature*, a highly acclaimed portrait of the wildlife artist Wolfgang Webber. He was on a long-term project in Indonesia when he died and the resulting film would not have been broadcast until next year.

Mr Plage's body will be flown back to his home town in Germany, rather than to England.



Jungle accident: Mary Plage watched as her husband, Dieter, fell to his death while filming in Indonesia

Fans jam telephones as Everett admits HIV

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

MESSAGES of support for Kenny Everett, the entertainer who has confirmed that he is HIV positive, flooded into *Capital Gold*, the London radio station where he works, yesterday. Five phone lines at the radio station were busy all day with callers ringing to express sympathy.

Mr Everett, 48, spoke publicly about his infection at the weekend, admitting that he could have contracted the Aids virus up to ten years ago and has known about it for four years.

Mr Everett, renowned for his mastery of bad taste in creating characters such as Sid Snot and drag star Cupid Stunt, was accepting his infection with humour yesterday. Staff at the radio station said he was moved by the show of public support.

But Mr Everett was in no mood for the press yesterday, insisting on his privacy and carrying on as normal. Hounded by reporters, he said his message to listeners of his show would be: "Hello folks, what a palaver with all this publicity. Let's carry on as if nothing has happened."

Mr Everett has been openly homosexual for many years, despite an early marriage. By the mid-1980s, at the height of his television popularity, he talked about his relationship with Nikolai Grishanovitch, a former Red Army soldier who died of Aids two years ago. The comedian was also a close friend of Freddie Mercury, the rock star who died of Aids in 1991.

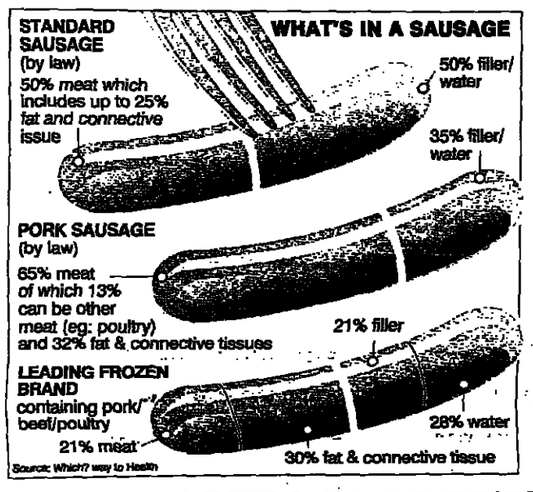
Mr Everett is reported to have advised those with the virus to "have fun before it all falls apart". However, he admitted confusion over the exact nature of the illness. "I think people panic a little. Now there is news that 10 per cent of HIV sufferers don't go on to get Aids, so what do we believe?

"Now I see my death in a philosophical way, but logic hasn't got much to do with it. I can't imagine I was nowhere before this and I'd like to come back living in Italy or Spain or somewhere. As long as I don't come back bald or in Bosnia, I don't mind."

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Consumer watchdog tackles meaty task

BY ROBIN YOUNG



PORK and beef sausages may also contain chicken, the magazine *Which? Way to Health* found when subjecting 25 types of sausage to laboratory tests. Poultry meat was found in six of the sausages, though only two manufacturers mentioned it on the label.

The law allows up to 20 per cent of the meat in so-called pork or pork and beef sausages to be other meat, such as chicken, which is cheaper. But when used it should be listed among the ingredients by name or as "other meat".

The April edition of *Which? Way to Health*, published by the Consumers' Association today, reports that poultry meat was found in Wall's pork and beef sausages and Wall's Best English pork and beef. Wall's denies adding poultry and is investigating.

Tesco's fresh pork and beef sausages were found to have more than 30 per cent added water. Two brands of pork sausages, Pork Farms and Bowyer's Irish, contained too little meat to qualify legally for the description, which requires a minimum of 65 per cent pork.

Many sausages cost less than £1 a pound, but the magazine calculates that the price paid for their lean meat content can be as much as £4.70 a pound, compared with rump steak at only about £3.80 a pound.

Prisoner escapes amid chaos as firm takes over escort duties

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A PRISONER escaped and court cases were delayed for hours yesterday when a private company took over the escort of prisoners to court from police and the prison service for the first time.

The security firm Group 4 has a five-year contract to escort prisoners to and from courts in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Humberside and North and South Yorkshire.

It also runs Britain's first private prison, Wolds remand centre on Humberside, which was strongly criticised for violence and drug abuse in a report published yesterday. Only hours after Group 4 took over escort duties, Christopher Hatch vaulted from the dock and ran out of Hull magistrates' court. Mr Hatch, 21, from Hull, was on remand for theft, public order and criminal damage charges.

In Leicester, no prisoners had arrived at the magistrates' and crown court almost two hours after hearings were due to start. Mr Justice Judge demanded an explanation for the late arrival of prisoners at Nottingham Crown Court. His summing up of a murder case was delayed for an hour.

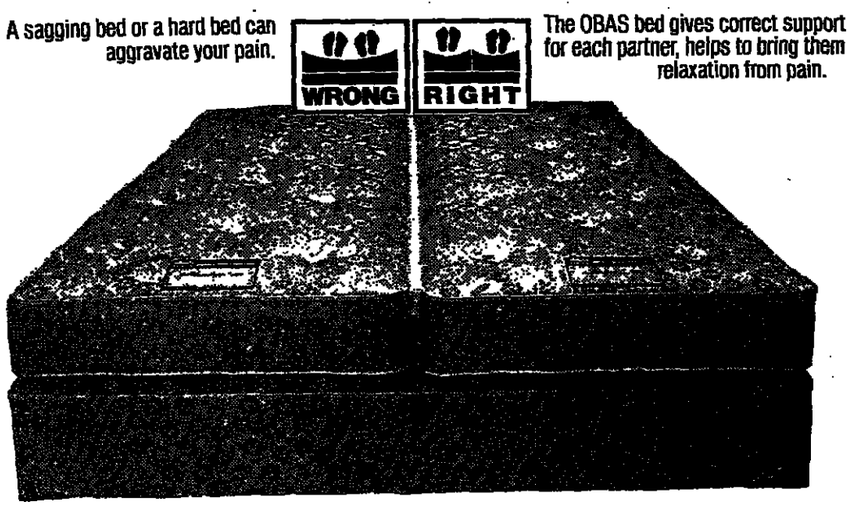
Magistrates at Leicester were told that the delay was because staff had been surprised by "an unexpected influx of prisoners".

Michael Hirst, a former chief constable of Leicestershire who is a director of Group 4, said: "Some inmates have refused to board Group 4 vans and prison officers have gone back on their promises of co-operation with the new service."

Group 4's prison, the Wolds, was criticised in a report by the Prison Reform Trust. In the year since it opened prison staff have made 40 seizures of cannabis and cannabis implements such as pipes, and one each of heroin, LSD, and cocaine. They also made five seizures of tranquillisers and sedatives.

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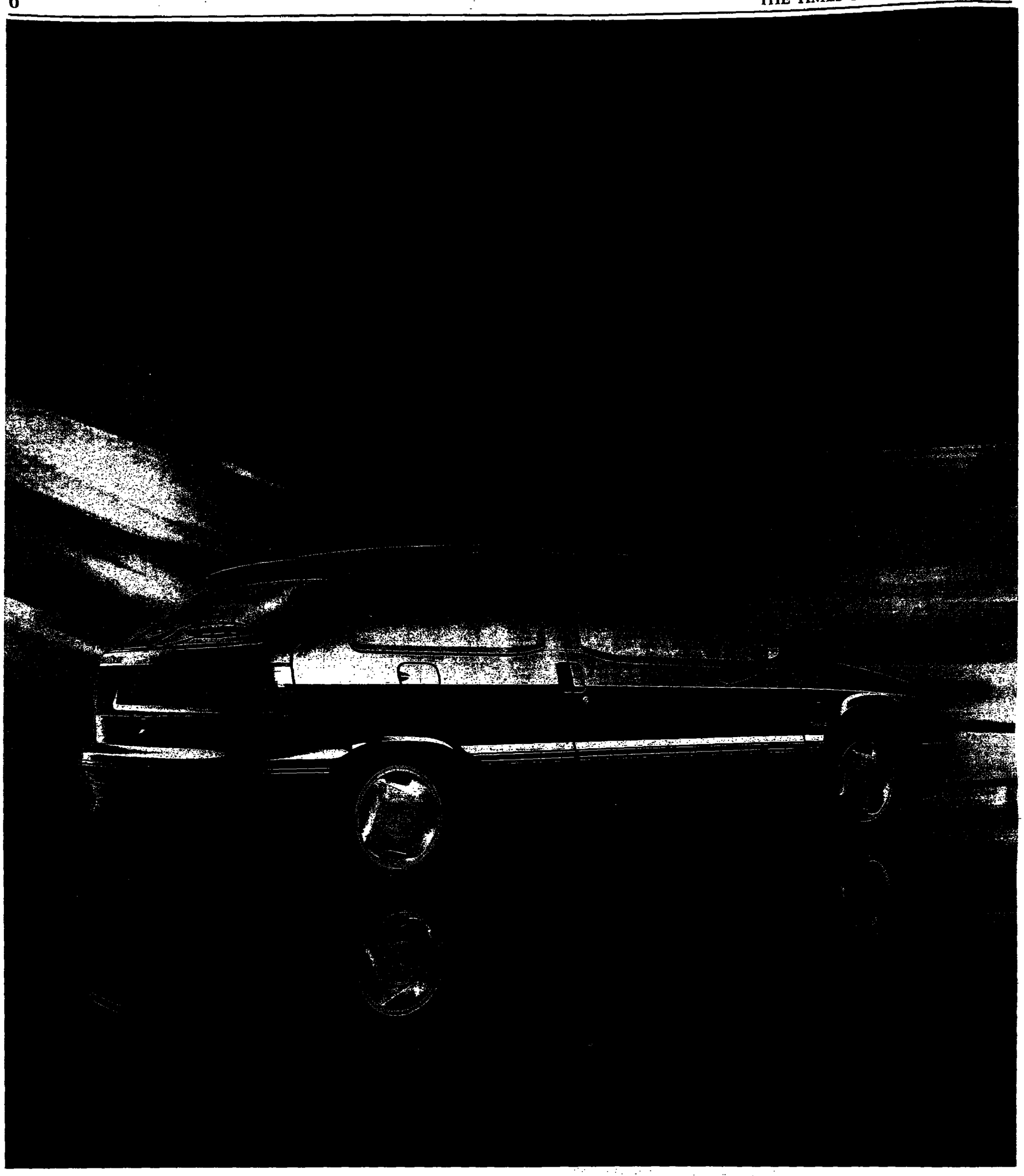
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Pesticide firm faces huge claims

Residents win legal aid for cancer fight

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LEGAL aid has been granted to 50 residents who are investigating possible claims for compensation against a leading pesticides manufacturer over alleged cancer clusters and damage to the environment.

The claims, which lawyers say would mark an important step in environmental litigation, are being brought against Pan Britannica Industries by people living close to the plant at Waltham Abbey, Essex.

The residents are concerned about the number of deaths from cancer in the two streets nearest to the plant, and are seeking compensation for nuisance, arising from what they maintain is frequent exposure to noxious fumes and dust.

Richard Meeran, solicitor for the residents, said the granting of legal aid for the investigation of the claims was important. "It highlights the growing public awarness of the potential of legal actions by local communities to ensure accountability for damage to the environment", he said.

Such legal actions had the potential to encourage a more responsible attitude among companies towards the environment and to prompt the taking of preventive steps to reduce toxic emissions.

The incidence of cancers among residents in Denny Avenue and Joyce Court (16 cancer deaths out of an expected 3) were highlighted in a Carlton Television documentary, *Storyline*. The programme also reported that at least three people had developed brain tumours in the last decade, when normally it would take 200 years for three cases to occur in such a small area.

Jeremy Tear, managing director of PBI, strongly rebuts "any link between these allegations and our factory". He said: "We are surprised that legal aid has been granted to investigate the activities of PBI. We have been resident on our side at Waltham Abbey for 60 years, and the number of complaints regarding our day-to-day activities — to us or to the local environmental health office — have been minimal. We do not believe there is any justification to warrant spending public funds to investigate this issue."

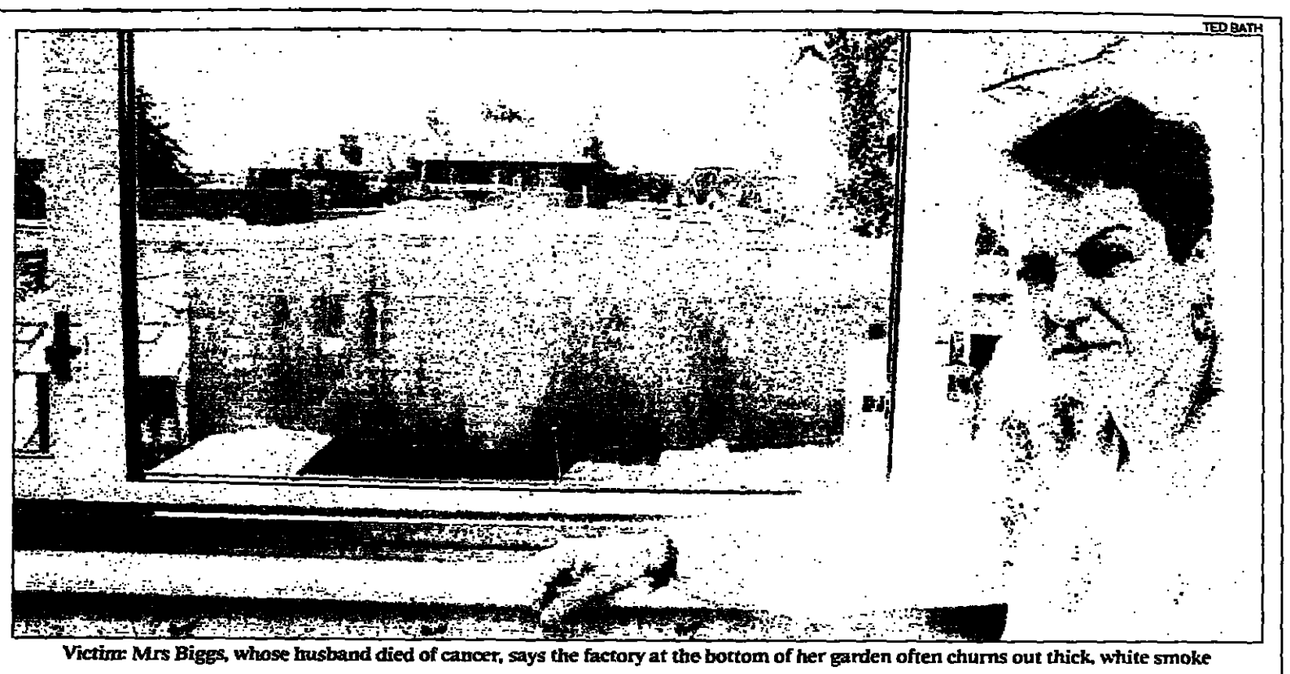
He added that the alleged cancer statistics presented in the programme were already being looked into by the Health and Safety Executive and the Department of Health, with the company's full support.

However, Mr Meeran said there was widespread concern about the nuisance caused by living near to the plant. "These problems have existed ever since they can remember. Most describe the fumes as unpleasant and methane-like, occurring on average weekly, frequently causing headaches and nausea." He said there had also been leakages, the most recent in May 1992.

Christine Biggs whose husband died at the age of 41 from stomach cancer, has one of the company's toxic stores at the bottom of her garden. "He started losing his hair in 1988, then two years later they diagnosed stomach cancer, by which time he was too far gone for anything to be done," she said. "He died six weeks later."

She is always aware of the factory's presence. "It is often churning out thick white smoke at nights. Then when they had the chemical spill, when I went out shopping, my eyes were hurting and my throat was sore for a few days afterwards."

TED BATH



Victim: Mrs Biggs, whose husband died of cancer, says the factory at the bottom of her garden often churns out thick, white smoke

ITN looks for American partners

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

INDEPENDENT Television News, which supplies ITV and Channel 4 with daily news programmes, is considering linking up with an American television news network or, alternatively, floating the company on the stock market.

Michael Green, who took over as ITN chairman last week, said yesterday that three American companies, ABC, CBS and CNN, had all "expressed an interest in becoming shareholders in ITN".

Speaking at his first press conference since the consortium of independent television companies, headed by his own group Carlton Communications, took control of ITN last week with a £90 million rescue package, Mr Green said he first wanted to "take stock" of the position of ITN and to see what the Americans had to offer. "Then [we will] make a decision as to whether they would be worthwhile, whether it would be sensible to float the company, to get other British investors or whether it would be sensible to get in CNN," he said.

Mr Green's comments were supported by David Gordon, who joined ITN as chief executive from *The Economist* group last week. Mr Gordon said he hoped to use his experience as head of a British-based international editorial business to develop and expand ITN strategy at home and overseas.

ITN is obliged to widen its shareholder base by 1994 under provisions in the 1990 Broadcasting Act aimed at reducing the controlling ITV shareholders to less than 50 per cent. Within the new consortium which owns the company, Carlton, Central, Granada, LWT, and Reuter each controls 18 per cent, while Anglia and Scottish each has 5 per cent.

News of the possible American link-up follows the announcement last week that the BBC is joining with ABC to form the world's biggest broadcast news service.

In a wide-ranging discussion on the future of the company, Mr Green said there would be "no such thing as a job for life" and refused to rule out further staff cuts at ITN, which has been losing up to £6 million a year on its purpose-built headquarters in central London. He confirmed that the company had several new tenants ready to move in to the building.

He also announced that ITN was poised to extend its contract to provide Channel 4 with news programmes — currently worth £18 million — for another two years.



Green: taking stock of ITN's position

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DR JULIAN HAFNER, the psychiatrist and author of the controversial new book *The End of Marriage: Why Monogamy Isn't Working*, will lead a debate against marriage, supported by Laurie Taylor, professor of sociology at York University.

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MPs pressure Hurd to act over jailed Welshmen

BY JAMIE DETTMER

LABOUR MPs are to ask Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to intervene in the case of three young Welshmen who have been held without trial for 22 months in a Barcelona jail.

Jamie Humphreys, Alan Sell, and his brother, Paul Sell are accused of attempting to murder a Turkish tourist. The MPs, who are campaigning for the men's release, plan to table a Commons motion condemning Spanish legal authorities over the time taken to bring the case to trial. They also intend to press Mr Hurd to call the Spanish ambassador into the Foreign Office to receive a formal British protest.

As fears grew yesterday over the welfare of the men, who are being held in a juvenile prison on the outskirts of Barcelona, Rhodri Morgan, the Labour MP for Cardiff West, and his Bridgend colleague, Win Griffiths, also warned the Spanish government that they will attempt to organise a Welsh tourist boycott if the men enter a third year of imprisonment.

The men's trial has been adjourned twice in the last five months. Once because the alleged victim, Celik Bilet, failed to undergo a medical examination prior to the hearing, and later because the victim and a Turkish witness failed to attend.

The case against the men, which was detailed in *The Times* yesterday, has been condemned as "unbelievably weak" by human rights campaigners in Britain.

The three are accused of stabbing Mr Bilet at Calella beach on the Costa Brava in May 1991. There is no forensic evidence linking them to the crime and the men have strongly protested their innocence throughout, claiming it is a case of mistaken identity.

"The case does surprise me," said Maite Machato, of Prisoners Abroad. "There were a lot of different witnesses prepared to give statements placing the Welshmen elsewhere at the time of the attack on the Turkish boy, but they seem to have been ignored by the examing magistrate."

During an interview *The Times* conducted with the Welshmen in the Centro Penitenciari de Jóvenes in Barcelona last week, Alan Sell, 25, and Mr Humphreys, 19, frequently referred to the poor conditions in the jail and their concern at the high level of violence between inmates. Drugs circulate freely, mostly brought in by visitors, needles are shared, knives and razor blades are much in evidence, according to the Welshmen.

The Spanish authorities acknowlege that 40 per cent of the inmates in the jail are HIV positive, suffering full-blown Aids, or on drugs.

"This is a bad place," said Alan Sell. "We have been careful in the past about what we say because we don't want to worry our families, but there are knives everywhere. When someone gets a visit there is nearly always a fight afterwards because everyone thinks he must have got some drugs."

Paul Sell, 23, who received psychiatric treatment in the early months of his imprisonment, seemed nervous, as the others spoke of a recent suicide in the prison and of suicide attempts they had witnessd.

The Foreign Office, which has been criticised for not doing enough for the men, said yesterday it was in close touch with the British consul in Barcelona over the case. A spokesman said that consular staff had visited the men 11 times since their arrest in May 1991, but acknowledged that the last visit had been last August.

Art experts flush out £500,000 'sleeper' at country auction



Master stroke: a painting thought to be worth £3,000 to £5,000 sold for £47,000 at a routine auction when it was discovered to be a "sleeper", a rare Old Master which could resell for up to £500,000. The neo-classical painting, showing an artist arranging a group of lightly-clad models, was catalogued on the advice of a London auction house as being of the 19th century Italian school (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). To the astonishment of the staff at Ewbank auction house in Guildford, Surrey, a large group of Old Master dealers attended the auction last Thursday at the Hog's Back Hotel to bid for apainting now believed to be by François André Vincent.

One New York dealer said it was "a masterpiece", being another version of a painting by the artist which is now in the Louvre, Paris, and dated 1791. Yesterday, Chris Ewbank, the auctioneer, was unperturbed at events. The vendor was a Sussex businessman who inherited the painting from his late mother's house and, according to Mr Ewbank, was "absolutely delighted". The buyer prefers to remain anonymous.

Sugar speeds up brain activity

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

SUGARY snacks make for snappier decisions, a study at the University College of Swansea has shown.

Subjects who had been fed glucose 15 minutes earlier reacted more quickly in a task designed to measure brain speed, Debbie Owen told the annual conference of the British Psychological Society in Blackpool yesterday. In earlier work she has also shown that memory is enhanced by glucose.

The subjects were given glucose in the form of a drink. They each each had a matching button, with a finger resting on a central button. After a warning buzz and a random delay, one of the lights came on and the subject had to release the central button and touch the one next to the light. Those given glucose showed quicker reactions than a control group who were given a drink containing artificial sweeteners.

A Swansea study suggests a link between mental health in women and their consumption of fruit and vegetables. Dr David Benton of the University College, examined the diets of 1,000 people and found that in women, but not in men, those eating large amounts of fruit and vegetables were less likely to be anxious or depressed.

Flu-like virus strikes

INFLUENZA related illnesses have risen dramatically at a time of year when the chance of a flu epidemic has normally subsided, (Lin Jenkins writes).

The weekly Communicable Diseases Report notes an increase in cases in the last two weeks of March.

While figures from the Royal College of General Practitioners show flu running at a level of 8.1 cases per 100,000 people at the end of March, those suffering viruses with similar symptoms were 89.9 per 100,000. A flu epidemic is defined as a level of 100 or more per 100,000.

Many suffering from the current culprit, respiratory syncytial virus, could be forgiven for believing they have flu. "We call these flu related viruses because they are similar with symptoms of headaches, fever, sore throat and a runny nose. said a spokesman for the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre of the Public Health Laboratories.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Depressed mother knifed sons

A woman was put on probation for two years yesterday for stabbing her two young sons. The 37-year-old woman attacked the boys after slipping on a piece of Lego in their bedroom. The children, aged seven and nine, screamed "Don't be silly mummy, we love you," as she launched the attack.

Mr Justice Swinton Thomas ruled at Bristol Crown Court that the woman acted in a fit of rage due to a depressive illness she had suffered since the age of 21, and released her for treatment after she admitted two charges of wounding with intent. The children's father, who is seeking a divorce, has custody of the boys.

Murder charge

William John Cooper, 26, a pub landlord of Newton-le-Willows, North Yorkshire, appeared before magistrates at Southport charged with murdering his wife Sharon, whose body was found in sand dunes at Southport, last Thursday. He was remanded in custody until April 13.

Kilt offences

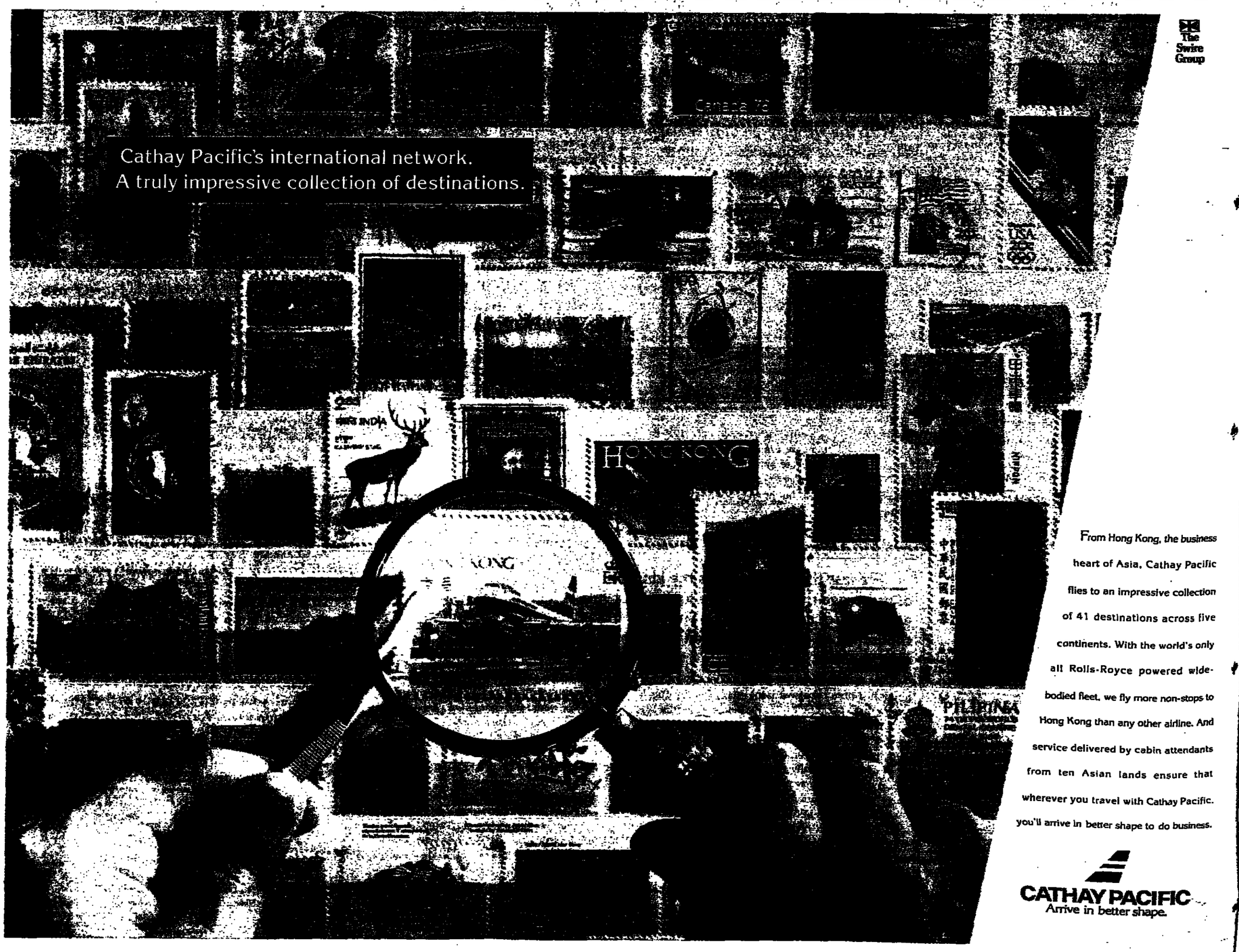
The former curator of the Scottish Tartan Society Museum has been sentenced to three years probation for taking indecent photos of kilted boys. David John Herschell, 48, of Comrie, Perthshire, pleaded guilty to inducing young boys to expose themselves over a six-year period.

Man in custody

Howard Small, 29, a farm worker of Worthing, West Sussex accused of abducting a nine-year-old boy and sexually assaulting him in a public toilet, has been remanded in custody for three days by magistrates at Guildford, Surrey.

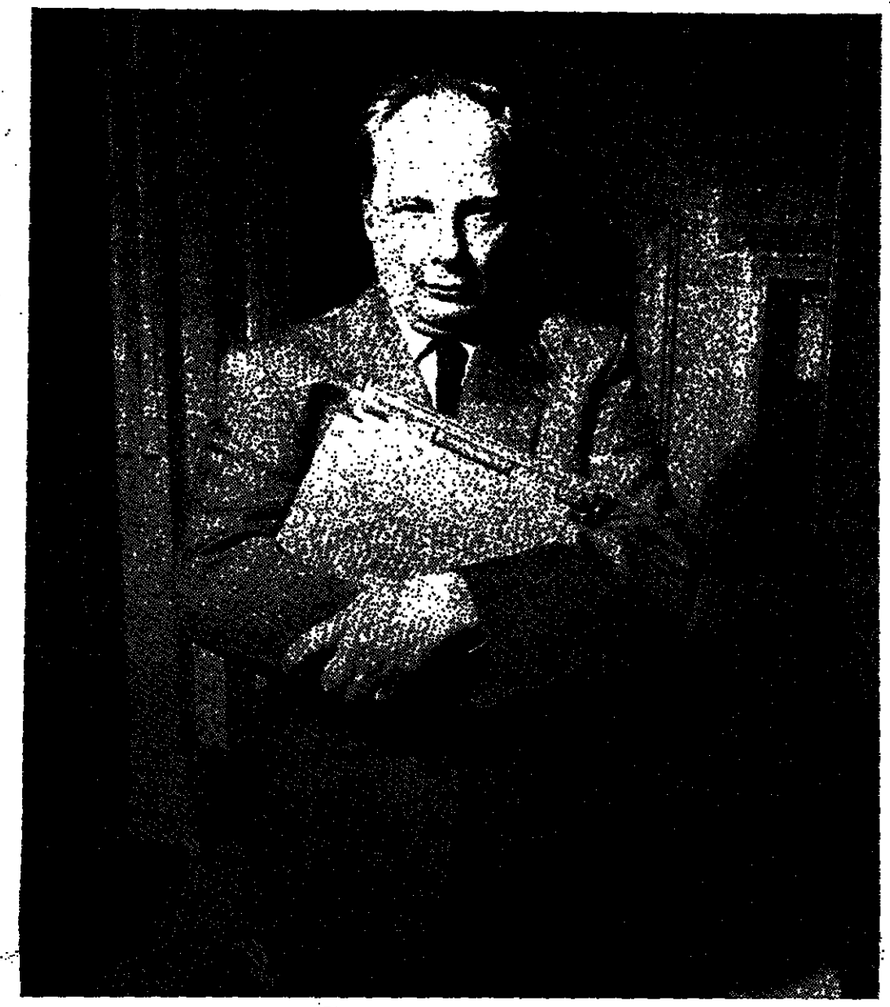
Security slip

Residents on a council estate in Paulsgrove, Hampshire, have discovered that their back door keys can open houses throughout the area. The city council is to begin replacing them immediately.



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Tories denounce Lib-Lab pacts in county councils

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrats are Labour's "stalking horse", the Conservatives said yesterday as they sought to head off a centre party advance in the May county council elections.

In tactics reminiscent of the general election campaign a year ago, Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory party chairman, denounced the "incestuous" county hall relationship between the two parties.

He claimed that Lib-Lab pacts were costing householders in average Band C properties an extra £45 a year in higher council tax bills. Liberal Democrat plans for a local income tax would put up the basic rate on average by more than 4p in the pound, reversing all the reductions made since 1986.

A Liberal Democrat spokeswoman said it was "a bit of cheek" for Sir Norman to complain about her party's deals when the Tories had just reached an agreement with Labour in Gloucestershire. Meanwhile, Tories in Warwickshire were defying the government's spending limits. An independent survey of average council tax bills for Band D homes showed that Liberal Democrat councils were slightly cheaper than Labour and the Tories.

Sir Norman based his attack on a Central Office survey of the seven "hung" councils where the Liberal Democrats have shared control with Labour.

"There is not one single Lib-Con pact on a county council anywhere on England. But there are Lib-Lab pacts, often formally acknowledged and openly publicised, on no fewer than seven of the ten county councils where the Liberal group is big enough to decide control of the council.

"Liberal councillors are living in sin with Labour up and down the land."

Labour dismissed the Tory assault as "negative nonsense" from Sir Norman, who had abandoned the pretence that Conservative councils offered better services and was resorting to "crude distortions".

According to the Central Office survey, the Liberal Democrats have "consistently supported" Labour's attempts at overspending in Avon, Bedfordshire, Cheshire and Cumbria. They joined forces with Labour in Oxfordshire to defeat Tory budget proposals and agreed to relieve the council's balances or reserves of £6 million.

They voted with Labour in Bedfordshire in virtually every vote for eight years and in Somerset, in a pact from 1985-9, racked up the biggest spending increase for any county in England and Wales. In Shropshire, they have backed Labour's budget proposals for seven of the past eigth years. In Berkshire, they had helped to create a Labour-led hung council even though socialists held only 18 of the 76 seats.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said the Liberal Democrats were a "left-wing party pursuing a typical left-wing agenda of overspending and wasteful extravagance". They had cost local taxpayers in Avon £500,000 by defying capping limits, let Cumbria's debt soar to £120 million and wasted £350,000 in Oxfordshire by cancelling a bypass.

The Tory survey also attacks the Liberal Democrats for cutting grants to "less politically correct groups", such as the Boys' Brigade and the Scouts, for being biased against motorists, for running up debts, for opposing contracting out of council services, and for turning the Isle of Wight, the one council they control outright, into a shire version of Lambeth.



Fowler: heading off a Lib Dem advance

Cook picks his winners in industry stakes

THE POLITICAL INTERVIEW

Robin Cook
By Peter Riddell

MARTIN BEDDALL



Centrifugal force: Robin Cook leads Labour's push for decentralisation in finance and industry

If there is a beacon of light for the Labour leadership, it is not so much Bill Clinton's America, as Scotland, the home of a quarter of the shadow cabinet. What works, and is regarded as normal, north of the border is taken as a guide for the rest of Britain by Robin Cook, Labour MP for Livingston, outside Edinburgh, talking ahead of the launch this morning of the party's consultation document on industry.

That is partly because of his objections to excessive centralisation. "If you look at our economy, it is overwhelmingly centralised in a way that mirrors the centralisation of political life," says Mr Cook, whose conversation is as sharp as his Commons speeches. He was struck by how ten leading German companies were based in nine different cities. "You cannot conceive of that plurality of regional structure in Britain. Both Germany and America have regionalisation of banks, which creates a financial parallel to industrial decision-making."

Centralisation, he argues, is an English problem. "Devolution of political decision-making has to be accompanied by a parallel shift in financial decisions ... It is very interesting that National Provincial turned itself into National Westminster, a terribly symbolic statement." What is needed is "the same kind of transfer down of discretion and initiative we are contemplating within the political world. If we are going to achieve strong regions, then you have got to create capacity for savings to be mobilised in that region and matched in investment opportunities.

"Scotland is the one place where you can still find a separate financial centre outside London. The fairly successful way in which the Scottish economy responded to the challenge of North Sea oil with very substantial investment was partly because we had our financial institutions to mobilise local savings and match it to local opportunities."

He says the Scots are proud of the Scottish Development Agency, which aids industry. "It has had a lot of its teeth drawn by the Conservatives, but they did not dare abolish it because it was so successful and so much part of Scottish business life."

That experience makes him less wary of talking about intervention in industry, too much so for some senior colleagues worried about Labour being portrayed as an anti-business party. He gives the example of Leyland-Daf. Meeting the Dutch government, he says, "was like stepping out of the Tardis and finding yourself 100 years away. Although I was meeting a Labour minister, he was anxious to impress on me that he was carrying out a consensus Dutch industrial policy. He had a national strategy, intervening in Daf on an ad hoc basis because it was important to the technological base and for sustaining a raft of supplier companies. If it was sensible for the government to take an equity holding, it would do so, and then if it became profitable to sell it, it would then do so. This was not a subsidy, it was an investment."

Today's document will be the start of a year-long dialogue with industry and finance from which detailed proposals will be refined for the Labour conference in 18 months. The paper highlights the cultural bias against industry in Britain. When one of Mr Cook's sons told a family friend he had a degree in electrical and electronic engineering, there was a 30-second silence in the conversation. "There was nothing in our culture to say to someone who had gone into electronic engineering."

Mr Cook does not turn his back on past Labour policies. "We have become far too defeatist in Britain about our own history. If you look back at the 1960 and 1970s we were not that bad at picking winners. Rolls Royce is a very good case in point, an extremely successful company which has helped to make Britain one of the two major players in aerospace, and which would not be there if it had not been for public sector intervention. In my own constituency, a large number of people work for GEC/Ferranti who would not be there if there had not been public-sector intervention in 1975 when Tony Benn took the company over, turned it round, and then it went back into the private sector."

Mr Cook compares his approach with his experience as a racing tipster for *The Herald* in Glasgow. What we need from government, he argues, is "not a strategy of backing a winner — though as a tipster I know the dangers of that approach — the job of government is provide the strategy with which winners can emerge. We should be providing the stable out of which several winners can emerge.

"We have in Britain a culture of risk aversion, which is very marked in our civil service and in our financial world. Rather than invest in venture capital they invest in property because they think it is not risky, though it produced disaster.

"We need to recognise that the whole point of venture capital and banking and industrial innovation is that it will not necessarily produce a winner. But unless you do it, you will get no winners."

On Saturday he tipped Zeta's Lad for the abortive Grand National.

Conservative attacks navy cuts

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MALCOLM Rifkind was under renewed pressure last night over a projected cut of an extra 5,000 jobs in naval manpower.

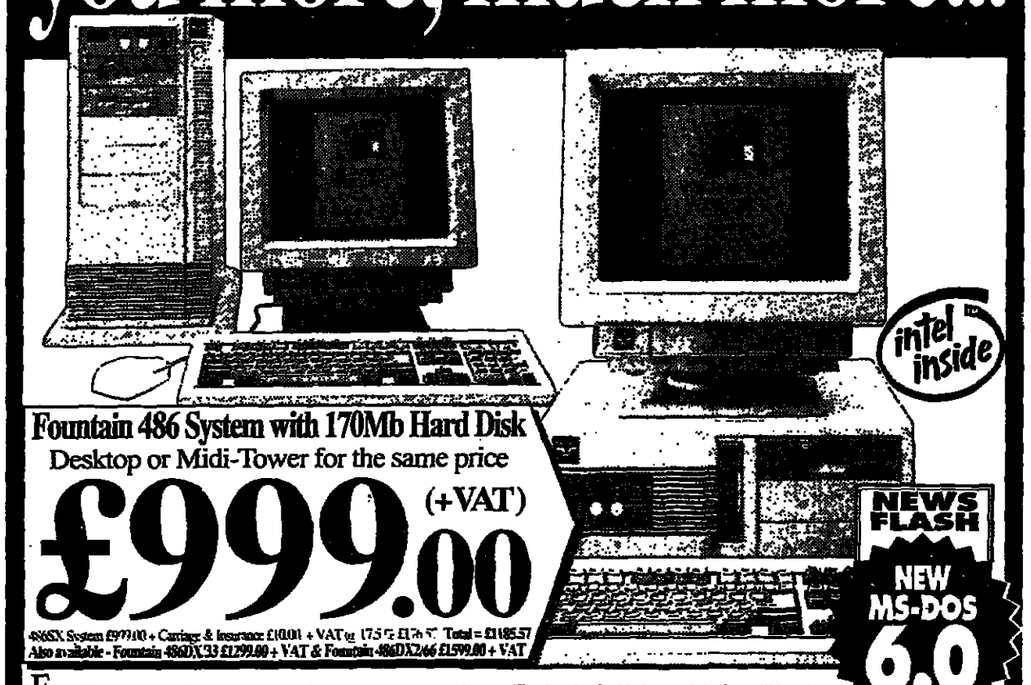
The defence secretary, who already faces a grilling before the all-party Commons defence select committee, was sharply rebuked by a prominent Tory backbencher.

Christopher Gill, the MP for Ludlow and one of the ring-leaders of the backbench rebellion over Europe, said in a letter to Mr Rifkind: "I have no intention of standing idly by while you further decimate the numbers engaged in our armed services." Mr Gill joined criticism of the way the cuts were announced by adding that he resented the defence ministry's decision to make it public on the eve of the Easter recess.

At the weekend, Mr Rifkind denied that he was planning a further £4 billion reduction in defence spending, but acknowledged that his budget was being squeezed. Conservative MPs are becoming worried that the surface fleet will be cut to about 35 vessels rather than the 40 envisaged in the *Options for Change* defence blueprint. Yesterday, Gary Streeter and Peter Griffiths, Conservatives representing naval seats, appealed to senior navy officers to try to stop the slide.

Mr Rifkind is due to give further details of the future of the armed services in the defence white paper, expected in July.

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Women to take lion's share of new jobs

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

HALF a million new jobs will be created by the year 2000, and most of them will go to women, according to the Institute of Employment Research at Warwick University.

Many of the jobs for women, however, will be low-paid and part-time, the institute forecasts, and unemployment is expected to remain above 2.5 million throughout the decade.

The institute's forecasts are widely seen by government ministers, senior civil servants and business leaders as the most authoritative indicator of forthcoming trends in jobs over the longer term.

The government will not be able to draw much comfort from the latest estimates, which are markedly gloomier than the institute's last employment forecasts two years ago. The institute said yesterday that the female labour force in Britain is expected to grow by half a million over the years to 2000, by when women will account for almost half the jobs in the formal economy.

Unemployment will peak at around three million this year, but will not drop below 2.5 million throughout the decade. Male unemployment will rise to 15.4 per cent by 1995, falling back to 14.3 per cent by 2000. Unemployment among women will drop much more sharply, from 6.6 per cent in 1995 to 4 per cent by the start of the next century.

The institute foresees fewer jobs for manual workers, and more jobs for white-collar employees, with substantial increases for corporate managers (projected to increase by 590,000), accountants and lawyers (up by 290,000), other associated professionals (up by 261,000) and small business proprietors (up by 190,000).

The sharpest job falls will be among skilled trade workers (down by 382,000), machinery operators (down 377,000) and "elementary" jobs such as cleaners and labourers (down by 317,000).

Big guns turned on Newbury

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ *Labour is determined to make a fight of the Newbury by-election, with most of the shadow cabinet joining the fray*

JOHN Smith is to campaign in Newbury alongside his candidate to underline Labour's determination to make the forthcoming by-election an all-out fight.

Brushing aside the prospect of a Conservative victory if the vote is split between the opposition parties, Labour aides made it clear yesterday that they are throwing their resources behind their candidate, Steve Billcliffe.

The Labour leader and most of the shadow cabinet are planning to canvass for Mr Billcliffe. Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, and Peter Mandelson, the candidate's minder and Labour's most seasoned election strategist, yesterday propelled Mr Billcliffe into the election campaign ahead of the other main parties. Polling day seems likely to be on May 6, to coincide with council elections.

As Labour polled less than 4,000 votes in the Berkshire constituency last April, Mr Billcliffe must be a rank outsider. But he has been cast in a key, if unenviable, role. A substantial rise in Labour's vote at the expense of the Liberal Democrats could see the Tories hold the seat, which fell vacant with the death of Judith Chaplin.

Mr Billcliffe, 42, insisted that a Liberal Democrat victory, which would cut the government's Commons majority to 19, would be easily ignored as a one-day wonder. "But a Labour victory would send shock waves through this government and would reverberate throughout this country," he said.

He did concede that the only way to vote for alternative policies was to vote against the Tories. At the opening press conference in Newbury he also hinted that he might prefer a Tory rather than a Liberal Democrat victory. "I personally could never vote Liberal. I do not think I could ever vote Conservative either."

He has the advantage of strong local links as well as fitting Labour HQ's profile of the ideal sort of candidate who sends shivers down the spine of many a left-wing MP. Egged on by a reporter from the *Daily Worker* he refused to condone any form of illegal strike action. He is positively proud to be vice-chairman of governors at St Bartholomew's School, Newbury, even though it has opted out of local authority control.

He worked under Mr Mandelson for four years at Labour's London HQ, organised the opposition to Sizewell B nuclear power station, fought the two previous general elections in the south, and worked for Shelter and Friends of the Earth.

Mr Mandelson, now Labour MP for Hartlepool, suggested that the Tories had written off the by-election by picking an outsider, Julian Davidson, to defend Mrs Chaplin's 12,357 majority.

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Pope grants Princess Caroline's plea to legitimise her children



Caroline: her celebrity probably hindered her

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

NEARLY a year after the Vatican reluctantly annulled Princess Caroline of Monaco's first marriage, the Pope has granted her plea and declared legitimate the children of her second marriage, a church spokesman said yesterday.

The princess, whose matrimonial travails with the Vatican have become as well publicised as those of Henry VIII, wrote an anguished letter to the Rota court in Rome imploring the Pope to allow Andrea, Pierre and Carlotta, her children, to be welcomed into the church. A leaked copy of the letter was published by a Rome magazine last Saturday.

Joachim Navarro, the Vatican spokesman, recalled that canon law enabled illegitimate children to be recognised through the later marriage of their parents or by way of a decree from the Holy See.

■ Church officials are concerned that celebrity annulments confer a bad name on a practice which is granted to tens of thousands of ordinary Catholics every year

The children were in an anomalous position and technically disqualified from the succession in Monaco because they were born before the church recognised Caroline's marriage to Stefano Casiraghi, who died in a powerboat accident in 1990.

Last July the Pope agreed to annul the princess's first marriage, to Philippe Junot, the French playboy. The grounds cited by the princess and Prince Rainier, her father, were that she had not been responsible for her actions when she married M Junot in 1978 when she was 21. She was divorced two years later and married Casiraghi in a civil ceremony.

Contrary to popular perception, the princess's royal status and her standing as a world celebrity probably hindered rather than helped her campaign to obtain the church's blessing for her children. Politics and public image have always played a big role in ecclesiastical thinking in these matters, as Henry discovered.

Clement VII was as reluctant as he was to grant the English king his requested favour because he was frightened of Charles V, father of Catherine of Aragon. Edward Kennedy was among famous Catholics to run into the church's disapproval. After he announced his plan to marry Victoria Reggie last year, Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston stated publicly that the senator, who has irked the church by supporting abortion, was "not free to enter into another marriage". The senator's office declined to say yesterday if he had sought an annulment for his first marriage.

Celebrities who have had their unions quashed in recent decades include Frank Sinatra, Tyrone Power, Lee Radziwill, Lee Iacocca, the chairman of Chrysler, a platoon of minor European nobility and Princess Michael of Kent, whose marriage to Thomas Troubridge was quashed so that she could marry the Duke of Kent in 1978.

Church officials are concerned that celebrity annulments confer a bad name on a practice which is granted to tens of thousands of ordinary Catholics every year. With more than 70 per cent of the world's annulments, the United States is the Reno of Catholic marriage. Unlike Caroline, whose rank meant her case went to Rome, the uncelebrated take their petitions for annulment to local ecclesiastical courts.

Since the church regards marriage as an inviolable sacrament, they must prove that the conditions of marriage were never fulfilled, a process which was simplified after the second world war but which still requires extensive investigation and the compilation of a marital history. More than 90 per cent of cases accepted for trial in America are granted.

The most common grounds are "psychological", including lack of reason, lack of judgment, and personality disorder. Several years ago the Vatican annulled a marriage because the bride believed she could conceive through simply sleeping next to her husband.

Some Catholics are reluctant to have first marriages declared void for the sake of their children. Phil Donahue, the US talk-show host was outspoken over his refusal to seek annullment before his second, civil, marriage. "The process is medieval, un-Christian. A group of celibate men decide whether an agreement you made 20 years ago was valid in the eyes of the church ... In my case, that union brought five children into the world. How do I explain it to them?"



Henry: discovered that image was important

Andreotti faces new Milan enquiry over political cash

FROM PHILLIP WILLAN IN ROME

MILAN magistrates yesterday told Giulio Andreotti, the former prime minister, he was under investigation for allegedly violating Italy's law on the funding of political parties, dealing a new blow to the reputation of the Christian Democrat elder statesman.

Signor Andreotti, 74, seven times prime minister and a living symbol of post-war Italian democracy, was notified by Palermo magistrates ten days ago that they wished to investigate him for alleged collusion with the Mafia.

The latest charge against Signor Andreotti stems from the evidence of a member of the small Social Democrat party, who reportedly told magistrates that a 250 million lire (£100,000) payment to his party was made with the approval of Signor Andreotti. The money was allegedly paid by Giuseppe Ciarrapico, a mineral water magnate and owner of Roma football club.

Signor Ciarrapico, a friend of Signor Andreotti, is in Rome's Regina Coeli prison on fraud charges. He has already been convicted of complicity in fraudulent bankruptcy for the receipt of inadequately secured loans from the Banco Ambrosiano.

The financial weekly, *Il Mondo*, recently described Signor Ciarrapico, who began his business career as a publisher of neo-Fascist tracts, as a kind of ambassador for Signor Andreotti in the world of high finance, "the man sent by Andreotti to sort out delicate problems".

Signor Andreotti, a life member of the senate, has indicated he will resist attempts to have his parliamentary immunity lifted in connection with the Mafia charges. He said he did not believe that the Palermo magistrates were impartial. However, it may be more difficult to resist the request of the Milan magistrates.

Since the Milan corruption investigation began, just over a year ago, the senate has not blocked a single request to investigate its members for alleged violation of the party funding law.

L'Espresso news magazine reported yesterday that Vito Ciancimino, former mayor of Palermo, had accused Signor Andreotti of being behind the murder of Carlo Alberto dalla Chiesa, the *carabinieri* general. He was shot dead by the Mafia in Palermo in 1982 after being sent to Sicily to lead a crackdown on organised crime.

The Palermo magistrates, in their request to the senate, said they wished to reopen the investigation into the death of dalla Chiesa. They said the general considered Signor Andreotti's Sicilian supporters to be "the most tainted political family" on the island and had warned the Christian Democrat leader that he would not hold back from pursuing them.

Signor Andreotti has dismissed the allegations as groundless. "I wouldn't even kill a fly," he told a television interviewer on Sunday. "In any case, I had no reason to be against dalla Chiesa."

Political commentators have described the magistrates' decision to move against Signor Andreotti as a watershed in Italian politics. Six years ago, the parliamentary P2 commission published an anonymous document detailing illegal payments allegedly made to Signor Andreotti by businessmen from his constituency. The document also claimed that Signor Andreotti had pocketed "enormous bribes" on deals concluded by the state energy holding ENI.

Until a year ago, it was inconceivable that magistrates would proceed on the basis of such accusations. Today the former chairman of ENI is in prison for allegedly making illegal payments to political parties.

□ **Jails crowded:** The prison population in Italy rose by more than a third last year to almost 50,000, according to new official figures.

The National Statistics Office said more than 25,000 of the 47,588 in jail were awaiting trial. It said the number of detainees at the end of last year rose by more than 12,000 on the corresponding total in 1991.

The Italian cabinet agreed last month to hire extra guards so it can reopen mothballed prisons in an attempt to defuse growing tension in overcrowded jails. Inmates at Milan's San Vittore jail — where many of the corruption suspects have been taken — last month staged a series of noisy protests over conditions.

Officials have said that the situation is explosive, with one in three prisoners being drug addicts and 7.5 per cent suffering from Aids. *(Reuter)*



Under investigation: Giulio Andreotti, seven-times Italian prime minister fighting charges of Mafia links, is now facing an enquiry into an alleged political payment

Baton falls on 'corrupt' opera

FROM VERA HALLER IN ROME

ITALY'S beloved opera is beginning to succumb to the wave of anti-corruption sentiment sweeping the country.

The artistic director of the Venice opera has resigned in a row over the appointment of his boss. Debts mount at the much-criticised Rome opera and the composer Luciano Berio has attacked the "total corruption" of opera.

"Except for a few theatres, such as Florence, Bologna and naturally La Scala, nothing works," Berio told Italian radio. He blamed those he called "the cretins" appointed by politicians to run the country's opera houses. "Unfortunately we now see that a beautiful theatre like [Venice's] La Fenice is under the management of politicians."

There are fears that Italian opera is facing artistic failure, financial ruin and political interference. The artistic director of La Fenice resigned because the board had approved the programme of its politically appointed superintendent, a former city councillor with little knowledge of opera.

Berio said the manager of Rome's Teatro Dell'Opera, Gian Paolo Cresci, was the worst offender of a patronage system that placed opera "illiterates" in management positions. Under his leadership, the company has run up a deficit of 42 billion lire (£17 million) and is still unable to attract stars.

He defended the deficit, saying he had authorised "investments" to rebuild the theatre. He is open about his lack of knowledge: while being interviewed he asked who had composed *Der Rosenkavalier*, Richard Strauss's most celebrated works. *(Reuter)*

'Old fox' of Italy takes pride in his ability to survive

BY ALAN COPPS

Giulio Andreotti likes to boast that in 40 years at the top of Italian politics he has probably met more world leaders than any of his contemporaries elsewhere.

Like many things said about the man called "the old fox", this is a difficult claim to test. What is certainly true is the pleasure he got from basking in the reflected glory of those meetings.

The list of characters in his book, *Lives*, subtitled *Encounters with History Makers*, ranges from King Farouk, De Gaulle and Eisenhower through Nasser, Kennedy, Idi Amin and President Castro to Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, Ronald Reagan and Baroness Thatcher. Since it was published he can add Mikhail Gorbachev, George Bush and John Major to his celebrity list.

But there are few insights into this list of personalities, for even as foreign minister Signor Andreotti's principal concern was the power play of Italian politics. To be seen promoting the country's image abroad served to strengthen his domestic position.

In an interview when the book was published Signor Andreotti was frank about his political philosophy. One secret of survival, he said, was "not to nourish exaggerated ambitions, not to draw up grand programmes, if you can't realise them. It may end in trauma."

He seemed to take pride in outlasting so many leaders he had met. Although the image of this small, hunched man might have conveyed an impression of shyness, there was no doubting his ego. Even close friends addressed him as *onorevole* [honourable].

Allegations about his involvement in corruption and suspicions of Mafia links have been voiced before but no proof was offered. In the past he shrugged off such accusations with confidence. People in Italy had simply come to accept him as part of the furniture. At times when the government changed every six months it was almost as if they took comfort in his continuing presence. In the present climate it is unlikely that the man who has come to symbolise that Italian system will find it so easy to survive.

For a man who was regarded for years as a consummate politician, he liked to claim that he was not really. "Politics is not a profession. I'm a journalist," he said. Even when he was foreign minister he continued to write a column for a weekly magazine.

His descriptions in his book of meetings with world leaders are frequently defensive. Some of his sketches are of rather banal pleasantries squeezed between the ceremonies of state visits, some are rich in self-justification while others, particularly those of Italian contempories, suggest a settling of scores.

But he is not without humour. An account of a meeting with the late Emperor Hirohito of Japan begins "Andreotti, you're a shit!", explaining only later that he had misheard a traditional greeting.

The chapter on De Gaulle includes the hint of a prophesy about Italy's present troubles, with De Gaulle telling Signor Andreotti "the Italian mania for proportional representation would cause us to meet the same fate as the Fourth Republic in France".



Mercenary veteran walks free

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

BOB Denard, the veteran French mercenary, won his freedom yesterday, receiving only a suspended sentence for his role in an abortive coup in Benin that kept him on the run for 16 years.

Denard, 63, was found guilty of criminal association for launching a raid on Cotonou, the Benin capital, in 1977 in which five people were killed in an airport shootout. But, after a trial in which he was hailed as a patriot by both the prosecution and his defence, his entire five-year jail sentence was suspended by the criminal court.

"This is a reasonable decision which recognises that what M Denard did was, formally speaking, illegal, but which will not handicap him in the future," his lawyer said.

The trial bestowed a new respectability on the legendary adventurer whose tough, ill-disciplined followers earned the nickname "the dogs of war" for a series of exploits in Africa during the 1960s. Denard, widely viewed by the public as a ruthless mercenary willing to fight for whoever paid him the most, stayed out of France from the time of the Benin incident. He at first lived in the Comoros islands before later moving to South Africa.

After his voluntary return from exile, several key officials testified that he had always acted with France in mind, even if the state could not publicly condone his actions. "Sometimes France closes its eyes but supports an operation when it serves its interests," said Maurice Robert, France's ambassador to Benin at the time of the coup attempt.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Paris keeps tough line on trade

Luxembourg: Alain Juppé, the foreign minister of the new French centre-right government, told his European Community colleagues yesterday that they should not expect France to take a softer line on trade than its Socialist predecessor when it gave details of its policy in a few weeks' time. "We are determined to defend the interests of French agriculture," he said.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, described M Juppé's statement as "very moderate", adding: "Everybody accepted that the French government needs a period of examination." M Juppe said he told the other states that an EC-US farm trade deal struck last November remained unacceptable. *(Reuter)*

Quota cut urged

Paris: The number of immigrants entering France annually should be cut by more than half from the present 150,000, says Jean-Claude Barreau, the top adviser on immigration. *(Reuter)*

Ready to resign

Madrid: José Maria Benegas, a leading official with Spain's ruling Socialist Workers' Party, has offered to resign as the government sinks deeper into a campaign-funding scandal, the party announced. *(AP)*

Hop back home

Düsseldorf: Germany's attempts to clear its xenophobic image may have suffered with the decision that American bullfrogs are undesirable immigrants and are now banned from being released into the wild. *(AFP)*



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Russians are urged to vote 'yes' in poll on reforms

BY MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Yeltsin returned to Russia from the Vancouver summit with President Clinton yesterdayand promptly urged people to endorse his reforms in the April 25 plebiscite.

"Go out and vote 'yes' to all four questions," he told a crowd in the central Siberian city of Bratsk as he sought support for his pro-democracy, pro-market policies. He launched his referendum campaign in a brief stopover to visit an aluminium smelter and old student friends after winning support and a $1.6 billion aid pledge from Mr Clinton at the weekend.

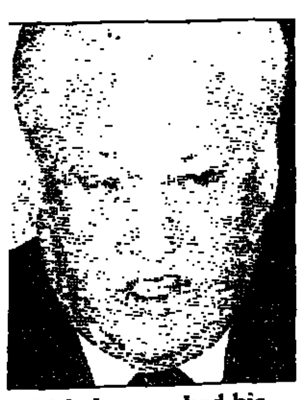
The four questions on the ballot paper, altered last week by Russia's conservative supreme legislature, are a vote of confidence in the president, a vote of confidence in the painful reforms begun since the Soviet Union collapsed in late 1991, and two ask whether early presidential and parliamentary elections are needed. "Don't be afraid to say 'yes' even to the question relating to the re-election of the president," Mr Yeltsin added.

Mr Ydtsin has warned that the legisature's battle to slow his reforms masks a comeback attempt by communist forces. He wants the Congress of People's Deputies to be forced to go to the people and earn the right *to speak for them.*

Russiars have reacted with sullen indifference to the Vancouver summit. Few Muscovites thought the summit would make any tangible difference to their lives and most were uniinterested in the meeting.

"The United States will help us but we won't see anything of it," one man said. He did not think he aid would translate into material improvements or speed up the reform process.

Most Russians believe that Mr Yeltsn's position may have been strengthened, but even his supporters admit that his pro-Western policies are unpopular and that people feel humiliated by Russia's public admission of poverty and need. They will say in the villages: 'Why should the US interfere ir our affairs?'" one woman said. "Others may



Yeltsin: aunched his campaignon way home

simply be ioping to keep Yelstin as a igurehead to get money from the West, while stopping hs reforms at home."

Russians also expressed cynicism that ary of the money would reach ts intended targets, believing most of it would be siphoned off by corrupt officials.

Most Moscow newspapers, strong supporers of the president, played dawn the summit and especially the promises of American aid in a clear attempt not to daw attention to the change fom the days

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when Soviet and American leaders met on equal terms as leaders of two nuclear superpowers.

Pravda, which still voices the views of the old guard, took a jaundiced view of the summit even before it ended, calling it a "stillborn child". It predicted nothing would happen that would have any influence on Mr Yeltsin's political future and the fate of reforms in Russia.

Voicing the national sense of humiliation at Russia's plight, *Pravda* said discussion of financial aid was insulting. The Americans had talked about such help as though they were speaking about *starving Somalis. Ordinary* people yesterday also echoed the newspaper's prediction that whatever sum was offered, it would only be a drop in the ocean in trying to revive the collapsing economy.

But in Siberia, both Mr Yeltsin and top officials played *down the aid aspect of the* summit. Aleksandr Shokhin, the deputy prime minister, said during a stopover in Kamchatka that this was not the main economic result. It was more important that for the first time Russia had said it wanted to be an equal trading *partner with the rest of the* world, with fair market access, Mr Shokhin said.

He reiterated Mr Yeltsin's statement that nobody could help Russia except Russians themselves. But he said Western aid was necessary in the painful transition to a market *economy.*

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Sense of shame dominates emotions of sellers

FROM ROBERT CRAMPTON IN MOSCOW

PROBABLY only one thing shames most Russians more than taking dollars from Americans; making roubles from other Russians.

Shame was the dominant emotion around Red Square this weekend. Shame at their president going about as far West as it is possible to go, to take counsel and cash in Vancouver. And shame at having to stand on their own *streets, selling whatever they* had to their countrymen.

Loading up your jacket to go out in Moscow, you put dollars to the right, roubles to the left. You don't notice the precious twenties in the right-hand pocket, but their almost worthless equivalent in roubles forms a huge distorting bundle on the other side. Your whole appearance is weighted

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to the left, or to the Russian looking on, to the right.

If you go up Pushechnaya Street towards the Lubyanka, you are faced by a double row of 200 Muscovites trying to sell anything. This is not an *officially designated free enterprise point, so the sellers* could in principle be arrested for what they are doing. Six times an hour, the lines fragment, dissolve, and then rapidly reform — neatly, quietly, pathetically — at the approach of a militia man. *These are free marketeers* with a very bad conscience.

Eighty per cent of the vendors are women. Their technique is a low-key, soft sell. They stand there, with their goods held out, looking straight ahead, like suspects in an identity parade. They *are selling children's jumpers,* soft drinks, short strings of sausage, bits and pieces of



CHRIS HARRIS

Down and out: a drunken old woman lies on a Moscow street after collapsing in front of a cobbler's kiosk, bleeding from the nose. Her plight is ignored by vendors and passers-by as they concentrate on surviving

household tat. We walk along the line and start at the far end.

Olga is about 40, and like all Russians, looks older than her years. She is the first of four or five people left who will talk to us. Most move quickly away.

She is holding up a bright green-and-white patterned child's jumper, and has another five in her bag. Her husband has brought them in from Turkey. She wants 7,000 roubles for the jumper. Her teenage daughter, Valeria, stands beside her, holding an *identical jumper.*

Olga retired from being an acrobat five years ago, and *drew a pension of 5,000* roubles a month. That is, as I write, equivalent to about seven dollars. "It costs 100,000 roubles a month to live," she says. How does she survive? She gestures to the jumper, and to her bag. Will she be photographed? "No." *Her daughter?* "No," twice over. What is she afraid of? "My friends might see the picture."

Down the street, at the crossroads with Rozhdeshvenka Street, a drunken old woman has collapsed, bleeding from her nose, outside a *shoe cleaning kiosk.* Nobody helps her. The jeans and tat sellers keep up their trade. *The woman, puffy-eyed with* tears and vodka, is moaning for assistance.

We go over to the militia van, where several hatchet faces are smoking and gossiping with a single uniformed man. He, like the woman, is blotched and bleary with *drink. He agrees to call an* ambulance. Dmitri fetches a coffee for the woman. He is followed out of the cafe by an irate waitress.

"She's drunk. Give me the glass back!". She spits in front of the woman. After 20 minutes, an ambulance arrives. *One of the male nurses is also* drunk, and some violence has been recently done to his face, *too. The other ambulanceman* is helpful, but harassed. They take the woman away.

Near Red Square we encounter the tourist stalls: the big televison camera-friendly Yeltsin dolls sell for 28,000 roubles or $40. Inside Yeltsin, Gorbachev; inside Gorbachev, *Brezhnev; inside* Brezhnev, Khrushchev; inside him, Stalin, and so on. Right back to Ivan The Terrible.

It is a corny metaphor, but it sums up nicely both the intense Russian sense of history, and one of the chief reasons that some Russians loathe the president, for all of his top-of-the-tank heroics two summers ago.

EC gives backing to American aid deal

BY TOM WALKER IN LUXEMBOURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

EC FOREIGN ministers yesterday backed the Clinton aid *package for Russia,* and promised President Yeltsin an eventual free trade accord.

Worries that protectionist-minded member states might try to restrict the terms of a "partnership agreement" with Russia failed to materialise. Alain Juppé, the French foreign minister, avoided earlier French talk of cheap Russian imports flooding the EC market. However, it is unclear whether Moscow will be prepared to do business with the Community on the terms offered. The proposed package contains strict clauses on human rights, no offer of macro-economic assistance, and limited access to the EC for Russian citizens.

British officials insisted that if Russia were to be given favourable trading terms with the EC, there would have to be some assurances that Mr

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Yeltsin would not be supplanted by the old guard. Speaking in Jakarta, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday that economic aid to *Russia should be dependent on further reform.*

Russia is not being offered an "association accord" with the EC because this would mention the eventual possibility of membership. With Russia in a parlous economic and social condition, the EC is not ready for such a gesture.

In Germany, the economics minister, Günther Rexrodt, said the Clinton package was "a good start but far from adequate. Compared with what we Germans are giving, it is a relatively small amount".

Italy responded to the aid package by saying it intended to help at all levels. Japan said that it was planning an aid package to Russia.

US shown a vision of statesmanship

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN VANCOUVER

BILL Clinton returned to Washington from his first foreign trip as president early yesterday having done much to strengthen President Yeltsin and his own world leadership credentials at the Vancouver summit at the weekend.

President Clinton was known as "Slick Willie" during last year's presidential campaign, a moniker that appeared increasingly apt as he backtracked on both Haiti and Bosnia within weeks of taking power. But on Russia he found his voice, displaying *not just* boldness but also imagination and great statesmanship.

On March 18, Mr Clinton's foreign policy advisers had presented him with their plan for an aid package he could offer Mr Yeltsin. He dismissed it as inadequate. Sunday's $1.6 billion (about £1 billion) package was politically astute, containing $700 million in new grain credits, which will be welcomed by American farmers and *requiring no* congressional approval as it is financed entirely by funds already approved.

By bypassing Moscow and directly targeting *key* grass-roots constituencies in Russia it should also buy the maximum political benefits for Mr *Yeltsin* with the cash available and in the shortest time. It *remains to be seen whether* Mr Clinton can persuade Congress to fund the second tranche of American aid he will shortly propose, but the first package has given him a moral stick with which to cajole the rest of the developed world to act, and despite his *relative inexperience he shows* no reluctance to use it.

As impressive as Mr Clinton's leadership and Kennedyesque self-confidence in Vancouver was his acute sensitivity to Mr Yeltsin's predicament as the Russian president battles hardline nationalist opponents. Though Vancouver was patently a summit of

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unequals he pointedly talked of "our two great nations" and of "partnership" not "aid".

Not surprisingly, Mr Yeltsin declared himself "fully satisfied" with the outcome of the summit, left the Vancouver convention centre pumping the air triumphantly with his fist and went home well-armed for the coming battle. Mr Yeltsin may yet be ousted, with disastrous consequences *for the economic plans on* which Mr Clinton's presidency depends, but after Vancouver he would no longer be vulnerable to the charge of having "lost" Russia.

Moscow lives in hope of trade barriers falling

BY ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

No sooner had President Clinton announced his $1.6 billion (£1.05 billion) aid package for Moscow at the Vancouver summit last weekend than a debate began about whether the sum was too big or too small to save the Russians. Critics, however, were missing the point: the crucial factor in helping Russia is timing rather than an impressive cash figure.

The Clinton offering was attractive to President Yeltsin because none of it seems to require congressional approval. It can therefore be disbursed almost immediately, and certainly before the April 25 referendum on which Mr Yeltsin's future hinges.

The US aid is supposed to send a signal to the Group of Seven leading industrial-



Mulroney: G7 has most IMF shares

ised nations. It is, however, tailored to different concerns. The G7 ministerial meeting in Tokyo next week will be exercised above all with stabilising the rouble. The Clinton package, in contrast, is directed at "ordinary Russians", that is at visibly improving the quality of life in Russia.

The emphasis on timing is conditioned not only by *the political need to buoy up* Mr Yeltsin on and after April 25. Inflation is nearing 30 per cent a *month* and the hyperinflation threshold of 50 per cent is very close. Western financial aid is needed very quickly indeed to halt the slide in the value of the Russian currency.

One plan being taken seriously by G7 officials is that put forward by Professor Jeffrey Sachs of Harvard

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University, who helped devise the successful stabilisation plan for Poland. According to the professor, about $2 billion in the second quarter of this year, climbing to $4.5 billion by the beginning of 1994, should slice inflation from today's 100 per cent a quarter to 14 per cent in a year's time.

But this implies a *shift* in the balance of power between the G7 and the International Monetary Fund, a politicisation of aid to the East. So far the IMF has insisted on a government in trouble adopting a consistent anti-inflationary policy before coming up with a stabilisation fund.

Now, however, the emphasis has changed. Aid to Russia is viewed as a *precondition for controlling* hyperinflation rather than as a prize for good behaviour. Since, as Brian Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, pointed out in Vancouver, the "leading industrial countries are the majority of the shareholders of the IMF", all that seems to be required is the political will in the West. Even Japan, as a result of a conversation between Mr Clinton and Kiichi Miyazawa, its prime minister, seems to be convinced that this is now the right ordering of *priorities.*

Much, though, depends on whether Mr Yeltsin or, more precisely, Boris Fyodorov, Russia's deputy prime minister, can gain political control of the central bank.

Whatever the outcome of this struggle, there are some notable gaps in the plans being worked out by G7 *ministers and in the bilateral* help being offered by Washington. A full commitment to phasing out trade barriers against Russian goods and raw materials would do more for the health of their economy than concessionary food sales. The trade barriers erected by the EC and America cost Russia something like $3 billion a year. Mr *Clinton made only* a vague promise to ease them.

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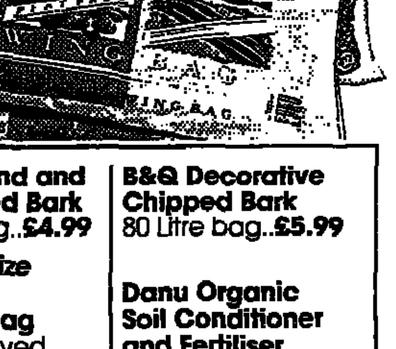
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Owen says US plan to lift Bosnia arms ban is too dangerous

■ The Yugoslav peace envoy describes plans to arm the Bosnians as the counsel of despair, but backs putting more pressure on Serbs

FROM TOM WALKER IN LUXEMBOURG

LORD Owen, the European Community's peace envoy to Yugoslavia, yesterday warned EC foreign ministers that Washington's call to allow arms through to the besieged Bosnian Muslim forces could lead to a dangerous escalation in the civil war.

"My view has always been that the 'fight-it-out strategy' is not the diplomatic solution. It is the counsel of despair." Lord Owen recalled a warning by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that giving sophisticated arms to the Bosnians would only help create a "level killing field".

Since Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, suggested a phased lifting of the arms embargo on Yugoslavia on Sunday, diplomatic sources have been suggesting that his real intention was to put further psychological pressure on the Serbs. Lord Owen agreed with this motive. "We need relentless pressure," he said. "The negotiations have now gone on long enough."

He told EC foreign ministers at a briefing here that with the Muslims and the Croats now agreed on the Vance-Owen peace plan for Bosnia, the Serbs, who have again rejected it, are living in a world of their own. "They live in an isolated world. Are they really going to drag down the whole of Serbia and Montenegro with them?" he asked.

Lord Owen also said that he was disappointed that Russia had watered down the latest United Nations Security Council resolution on Bosnia. He hinted that if United Nations sanctions were not sufficient to convince the Bosnian Serbs and the Serbian and Montenegrin governments, then the EC still had room to intervene unilaterally in the dispute. "We are the largest economic power for them and we have the ability to put pressure on their financial dealings and assets in the Community," he said.

Before the meeting with Lord Owen yesterday, the EC foreign ministers moved to tighten the embargo against Serbia by agreeing plans to send up to ten high-speed launches to police the Danube, along with 350 armed customs police.

Britain will not be involved in the Danube operation, which first has to gain the UN security council's approval. America has already provided eight launches and is training local Bulgarian, Romanian and Hungarian police to use the vessels.

The plans were agreed under the aegis of a Western European Union meeting, held in the wings of the main foreign ministers' meeting. Just two EC countries, Ireland and Denmark, remain outside the WEU, although both attended as observers. Of the countries set to receive the vessels, only Hungary expressed reservations.

A spokesman for Tristan Garel-Jones, the minister of state at the Foreign Office, said that surveillance of the Danube was already preventing oil and other supplies getting through to Serbia. Yesterday's action, he said, merely tightened the net.

Germany, Italy, France, Spain, The Netherlands and Luxembourg are to provide equipment and personnel for the Danube operation.

The WEU, which France still hopes will evolve into the defence arm of the European Community instead of Nato, is involved in only one other aspect of the Bosnian war — the naval blockade of the Adriatic, where there are seven WEU and Nato frigates and destroyers. The British spokesman said that since the fleet was deployed last September, 3,689 vessels in the region had been monitored, with five suspected of having broken sanctions and three proven to have done so.

The high-speed launches will sail under the flags of Romania, Hungary, and Bulgaria, but will also fly the WEU flag. In the main foreign ministers' meeting that followed the WEU talks, additional plans were made to tighten the EC's overall sanctions against Serbia.

☐ **Zagreb:** A ceasefire that was to take effect yesterday between warring Serbs and Croats in southern Croatia collapsed almost immediately as the two sides traded accusations and artillery fire. The ceasefire was intended to allow the two sides to recover bodies from the front line as well as exchange prisoners from recent fighting. *(AP)*

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Casualty sparks British fears on security

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH soldier was shot and suffered serious head injuries in Bosnia yesterday, fuelling British alarm about US moves to lift the arms embargo for Muslims in Bosnia.

Staff Sergeant Peter Bristo, of the newly-formed Royal Logistic Corps, was attacked by unknown forces at Turbe, near Travnik. He was wearing a helmet which is believed to have saved him from instant death, and was being flown to Split in Croatia by helicopter last night. From there he will return to Britain for medical treatment.

The shooting came as Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, declared that any move to lift the arms embargo against Bosnian Muslims would jeopardise "the whole United Nations humanitarian effort".

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, said earlier yesterday that Washington would soon press for allowing arms shipments to Bosnian Muslims if Serb leaders continued to reject UN peace efforts. "I don't want to put a particular deadline on it," Mr Christopher said, "but it would not be a matter of months by any means."

However, Mr Hurd said of any lifting of the embargo: "We and other European countries would have to withdraw our troops from the successful escorting of humanitarian convoys, particularly in central Bosnia, which has kept alive many thousands of of Bosnians whom the experts predicted would by now be dead."

Mr Hurd added in a statement: "The whole United Nations humanitarian effort could probably come to an end. The friends of the Bosnian Serbs and Bosnian Croats would have little compunction in rearming them. We would in effect be saying 'here are the arms; fight it out'. That is the policy of the level killing field."

British troops have so far escorted more than 250 aid convoys, carrying nearly 22,000 tons of food and medicines.

Staff Sergeant Bristo, who was based in Germany, was a member of the Royal Ordnance Corps until the Logistic Corps was formed this month to provide a network of facilities for British forces in the former Yugoslav republics. In January, British troops suffered their first fatality in the Balkan wars, when Lance Corporal Wayne Edwards, 26, was killed after being caught in crossfire between Croat and Muslim forces in Bosnia. Lance Corporal Edwards was escorting an ambulance in the Bosnian town of Gornji Vakuf when he died.

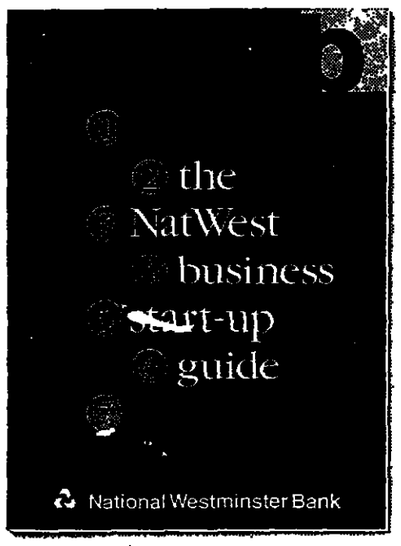
In February, two British mercenaries who had been fighting with Muslim forces in central Bosnia were tortured and killed. Ted Skinner and Derek Arnold who both claimed to be former servicemen, were known to British troops based in Vitez eight miles from Turbe where yesterday's shooting happened. The mercenaries' bodies were found trussed up in a village near Turbe.



Military address: General Philippe Morillon, commander of the United Nations forces in Bosnia, talking to townspeople in the besieged Muslim enclave of Srebrenica, where he has established his headquarters

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Armenian forces poised to take key Azerbaijani town

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

ARMENIA consolidated its hold on captured Azerbaijani territory yesterday, as fighting continued for control of the region separating Armenia from the Armenian-populated enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Armenian forces were closing in on Fizuli, a strategic southern town under heavy artillery fire. With the fall of Kelbadzhar in the north, the Armenians have cut off about 1,500 square miles of territory north of their existing corridor to Nagorno-Karabakh, trapping 60,000 Azerbaijani troops and civilians.

The fall of Fizuli, in a narrow strip between the enclave and Iran, would give the Armenians control of all the land to the south of the corridor, effectively creating a "greater Armenia" by joining the republic with Nagorno-Karabakh.

Reports last night said 20 people had been killed in the shelling of Fizuli and villages near by. Armenian forces have seized control of the surrounding mountains, and artillery shells and missiles from Grad multiple rocket launchers were raining down.

Azerbaijani forces began a desperate operation to free civilians trapped by the advancing Armenians. Attempts to evacuate them by helicopter were hampered by fog and ground fire, and instead the Azerbaijani army tried to drop food and medicines on the villages surrounded by the Armenians.

President Elchibey, who ordered a two-month state of emergency at the weekend, went on television to reprimand the troops stationed at Kelbadzhar for disobeying orders and deserting their posts. The Armenian blitzkrieg, taking advantage of the political turmoil in Baku, caught the bickering Azerbaijani parties unaware. Yesterday the largest opposition group, the National Independence party, called on all groups to unite to protect national security.

The Armenian offensive has drawn a strong reaction from Turkey, which has close religious and ethnic ties to Azerbaijan. President Ozal, on a tour of Central Asia, has called for force to halt the Armenian attack.

Turkey believes that Armenia, which has a defence treaty with Russia, is being supplied with arms by Moscow and the West, and is increasingly concerned that this conflict may take on overtones of a Christian-Muslim confrontation.

In neighbouring Georgia, Abkhazian separatist guerrillas have stemmed an offensive by the Georgian army, forcing government forces to retreat. Shelling continued of Abkhazian strongholds and of the Russian military seismic laboratory at Eshery, widely believed to be an intelligence-gathering station.

In Sukhumi, a Black Sea resort still in Georgian hands, ten shells exploded in the city centre, killing two and wounding nine people. The Georgians blamed the Russians.

Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, called again for a peaceful resolution of the conflict, but denounced the Russian parliament for supporting the breakaway region. He called a recent draft resolution demanding the union of Abkhazia with Russia an insult to Georgia, and said that this was sabotaging Russo-Georgian negotiations, including attempts to draw up a joint economic agreement.

Conflict continued elsewhere on Russia's turbulent southern flank yesterday. Ingush and Ossetian forces exchanged fire in the night as a militia unit guarding the water supply of Vladi Kavkaz, capital of North Ossetia, came under sniper attack.

US Navy wants fighting women

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IN A sweeping break with tradition, the US Navy wants to put women into combat jobs on submarines and warships, and to train them as fighter pilots.

As a first step, Admiral Frank Kelso, acting navy secretary and chief of naval operations, has suggested allowing women to serve on six classes of combat support ships within the next few months and then to begin training them for more advanced combat jobs.

The process would be completed in four years with women firing torpedoes from submarines, flying jets from aircraft carriers and serving alongside male shipmates in many other combat slots.

Admiral Kelso has sent his proposals to Les Aspin, secretary of defence, who voted in favour of opening sea and air combat to women when he was in Congress. The proposed policy change will need approval from both Mr Aspin and President Clinton.

If the navy plan does go ahead, it will run counter to the Pentagon's enduring opposition to women in combat and will put pressure on other branches of the armed forces to follow suit. More than 35,000 American women served in the Gulf war as mechanics, technicians, drivers, cargo pilots and staff aides. Although officially barred from combat, they still suffered deaths, injuries and capture in the war.

The navy's move to assign women sailors to combat roles comes at a time when it is trying to forestall a wave of adverse publicity that will accompany the impending publication of an official investigation into the Tailhook affair, in which the boisterous behaviour of navy aviators resulted in more than two dozen women, half of them naval officers, being indecently assaulted.

Waco siege puzzle of Passover

FROM BEN MCINTYRE IN NEW YORK

MORE than a month after the siege began by federal agents of an armed cult in Waco, Texas, there is a glimmer of hope that it may end after the group celebrates Passover, according to two lawyers who have met repeatedly with cult members inside their fortified compound over the past week.

But, as ever, the rules of the engagement are being set by the cult's fanatical leader, David Koresh, and the sect's religious calendar does not coincide with the Jewish one. FBI agents warned. The Jewish Passover festival began last night.

FBI Special Agent Bob Ricks said that Mr Koresh had told his followers recently that this would be the last Passover the group would celebrate together.

That could herald an end to the protracted siege, which began on February 28 when armed agents stormed the sect's compound at Mount Carmel with an arrest warrant for Mr Koresh, but it could



Koresh: fear of mass suicide in compound

also indicate that the Branch Davidian sect is contemplating mass suicide.

"They're ready for this to be over," said Dick DeGuerin, one of the lawyers who spent six hours talking to Mr Koresh on Sunday, "but they have a very important agenda with Passover and their holiday."

An unidentified man left the compound on Sunday, the first person to surrender for nearly two weeks. Almost 100 people, including 17 children, are believed to be inside.



British honour is as much at stake as saving Communists' face



Lee: one of the second tranche of advisers

*Chris Patten sees John Major today and addresses the Royal Institute of International Affairs. **Derek Davies** advises the Hong Kong governor to stand firm over the colony in the face of Peking's onslaughts on 'foreign devils'*

CHRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, is in London this week to stiffen the sinews of John Major in the increasingly bitter dispute with China over the colony's future.

To succeed, he must persuade the prime minister that much more is involved than the Sino-British relationship and a large potential market for British goods. He must convince Mr Major that there is also a moral dimension; that British honour is as much at stake as Chinese face; and that Douglas Hurd, the foreign minister, must be allowed to go on turning a deaf ear to the advice of many of his expert diplomats who view him as a confrontational bull in a China shop.

China's recent appointment of a second tranche of 49 Hong Kong advisers is a threatening move just short of setting up a "second stove", in Peking's folksy metaphor for its own shadow government in Hong Kong, known as the "Preparatory Work Organ".

Among the new advisers are Allen Lee, founder of a "convergence-with China" party, and Sir David Akers-Jones, a former chief secretary who was once acting governor. His inclusion has understandably excited considerable attention. On retirement, Sir David took advantage of a relaxation in the old colonial office rules to join the Housing Authority, a financially independent body responsible for Hong Kong's huge public housing projects. He has since acquired various business interests, including the vice-chairmanship of a paint manufacturing firm in which he holds 6,000 shares and which supplies paint to the authority.

Mr Patten has publicly regretted this, as he has the open criticism of current policies by former civil servants, not only in Hong Kong, but in Britain, where Sir Percy Cradock, Britain's former ambassador to Peking, who is the prime minister's special adviser on foreign affairs and the architect of London's Hong Kong and China policies, has described the governor's proposals for reform as "fatal".

The spectacle of public figures enriching themselves does little for moral values (particularly since Chinese officials in general are identified with the rising tide of corruption).

Since 1982, when the Sino-British negotiations began so badly, Peking has been cultivating support in Hong Kong by invoking "Chineseness", denouncing colonialism, recalling past humiliations, stroking egos and awarding contracts — an easy task in a community which knows in its bones how to survive by bending before the prevailing winds of greedy warlords and changing dynasties.

Hong Kong has always excited extreme reactions. To some it is a corrupt, materialistic ant-hill, an anachronistic Tom Tiddler's Ground where anything goes. To others, it is an economic triumph of hard work and enterprise, Asia's most free community, a refuge under the rule of law from one of the world's nastier regimes. Mr Patten's arrival did much to stimulate Hong Kong people to see themselves in the latter terms. They responded to his lack of pomposity and, after years of secrecy while others bargained away their future, to the transparency of his style of government.

But a popular "foreign devil" governor proposing greater democracy has proved anathema to Peking's rulers, already scarred by Tiananmen and haunted by the spectre of what has happened in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Those it cannot flatter and bribe are now being subjected to a concerted campaign of bullying and arm-twisting, accompanied by a barrage of hysterical abuse and threats for those who have not fallen into line. The number of voices backing Mr Patten has dwindled alarmingly.

Sir Percy has consistently taken the view that Britain has no alternative but to assume that China's threats are serious. His mandarin successors in the Foreign Office are advocating a diplomatic climb-down. Their dream is still of the so-far-unrealised one-billion-strong market of China and their aim is the smooth convergence of Sino-British policies at almost any cost, although the costs will be paid by the people of Hong Kong.

The Preparatory Work Organ should not be regarded in a wholly negative light. True, not much has been heard of the advice given by the first 44 members appointed last year, nor is there any evidence of that advice being heeded, whatever it was. But the organ's members numbered distinguished men with good grounds for appreciating the reasons underlying Hong Kong's success, including its freedoms and the rule of law (although they probably do not set much store by democracy).

Nevertheless, they are hardly the sort of men who, as Mr Patten fears, will tell the Peking leaders only what they want to hear. Not much may have been heard of them and their fellow advisers so far, but today they constitute the chief, if not the only line, of communication between the territory and Peking, and their voices will command increasing attention. Peking may have introduced a Trojan Horse within its walls.

(Derek Davies was editor of the Hong Kong-based magazine, Far Eastern Economic Review, from 1964 to 1991)

Chinese study rival airport proposals for Hong Kong

BY JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

CHINA is studying plans to expand Shenzhen airport near Hong Kong instead of going ahead with the colony's troubled £7 billion scheme to build a huge new airport.

Lu Ping, Peking's senior official in charge of Hong Kong affairs, has confirmed the existence of a proposal to upgrade Huangtian airport, in Shenzhen's special economic zone in Canton province, as a replacement for the controversial Hong Kong plan. Mr Lu said he hoped Britain would uphold the Memorandum of Understanding, a reference to China's claim that Britain has failed to abide by the 1991 agreement on the cost and financing of the Hong Kong project.

China has been using the airport dispute as leverage in the fierce disagreement over political reforms proposed by Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor. Mr Patten is in London for two weeks for consultations with the prime minister and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and the airport impasse is likely to feature high on the agenda of those pressing him to make concessions for the sake of the colony's economic future.

Mr Hurd yesterday restated the government's support for the democracy reforms. "Democracy and freedom are both aspects of the same human desire to run one's own life," he said during an official visit to Jakarta. Mr Hurd is to return to London for talks with Mr Patten on Thursday.

Mr Patten earned China's wrath in October when he announced proposals that would effectively allow Hong Kong's people to elect the majority of their legislature for the first time in 1995.

"We fully support the governor of Hong Kong in his determination to ensure that strong democratic institutions should continue to flourish and develop," Mr Hurd continued. If they did not, investors would be unprotected and businesses subject to arbitrary political decisions. "That would be bad for business, bad for foreign investors in Hong Kong," Mr Hurd said.

Hong Kong is pressing ahead with its own airport project, despite the row with China, but vital rail links and work requiring private investment are threatened unless China lifts its diplomatic stranglehold on the scheme.

Mr Lu conceded that Shenzhen could not replace the Hong Kong airport unless it was managed and used by Hong Kong people, and other Chinese officials admitted that there was no decision, although the opinions of Peking's 92 official Hong Kong affairs advisers were being listened to with interest.

Vincent Lo, a leading Hong Kong businessman and Hong Kong affairs adviser, who is also a member of the Hong Kong Provisional Airport Authority overseeing the project, said he believed that China had been considering the Shenzhen plan seriously. He said he had been consulted by officials, but doubted if Hong Kong investors would be ready to pour funds into the £2.5 billion Shenzhen scheme unless the Hong Kong government officially declared its own airport would not be built for a long period.

However, some experts say legal problems over landing rights and the small size of Huangtian airport, as well as its distance from Hong Kong, could make it unsuitable as a replacement for the current Kai Tak airport, or the project at Chek Lap Kok.



Crossing the divide: Sir David Akers-Jones standing behind Zhou Man, China's senior representative in Hong Kong, at a Peking ceremony last week

Man in the news

Peking flaunts old China hand as its prize trophy

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

He stood in sober business suit and plastic name tag amid the Chinese in Peking's Great Hall of the People last week, looking — though probably not feeling — a little furtive, behind Zhou Nan, the hardline boss of the New China News Agency, China's unofficial embassy in Hong Kong.

Mr Zhou was presenting the latest batch of 49 Hong Kong advisers to his Peking mentors, smirking as he showed off his prize trophy, the former acting governor of Hong Kong, Sir David Akers-Jones. "My loyalty is to Hong Kong and the people of Hong Kong and of course I am British and have not lost my patriotism for Britain," Sir David said.

The move by the mild-mannered Sir David, 65, who served in the Hong Kong government from 1957 until 1987, and in the housing authority until his retirement last month, has been a blow to Chris Patten, the governor. Mr Patten's proposals for greater democracy in the colony have encountered opposition from what he might have felt should have been his natural constituency, the expatriate business community.

Yet Sir David's action in becoming an adviser to the Chinese government in the run-up to the 1997 change of sovereignty, was perhaps less of a surprise in Hong Kong than in Britain.

Sir David, one of the old Sinologist school whom Mr Patten sometimes imitates by twisting his face into a parody of a Foreign Office toff, has made no secret of his opposition to Britain's conversion to more democracy for Hong Kong. An avuncular-seeming man with a courtly manner, Sir David soon renounced the expatriate life of Hong Kong island for the clan villages of the New Territories. He speaks several dialects of Cantonese, and feels the sons of the soil in the territories have not been given their due. He has spoken out for a syndicate of clans in the territories who have turned land over for use for the burgeoning trade with China and he believes that territory land opposite China's showcase city of Shenzhen should be developed. He also has business interests in China.

Sir David's identification with China is not new. Old hands recall that, once, during the Cultural Revolution, when mobs were creating havoc in Hong Kong streets, Sir David was having lunch with the then governor, Sir David Trench, when he made a remark the governor apparently construed as projecting the Chinese viewpoint. The governor is said to have removed his spectacles, glared across at Sir David, and demanded: "Just whose side are you on?"

Sir David was Hong Kong chief secretary from 1985-86, before standing in as acting governor for five months after Sir Edward Youde died.

There are those in Hong Kong who say Sir David has acted out of pique. "He always wanted to be governor," and thought he would get the post at the time he was acting governor," said one analyst. "He basically has no time for politicians like Mr Patten whom he finds not in keeping with Hong Kong's colonial traditions."

Sir David believes Hong Kong can do best if Britain sticks by the letter of the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration, the Basic Law, and the "solemn agreements between two friendly countries". The Hong Kong government has been acting like "spoilt children", he says. He feels "very sad and uneasy" about the deterioration of Sino-British relations. In an article in the *South China Morning Post* describing how his role as a China adviser could benefit Hong Kong he did not even mention Mr Patten.

ANC youths killed in their beds

FROM AFP IN JOHANNESBURG

MASKED gunmen killed ten young supporters of the African National Congress in their beds in a pre-dawn attack on a rural black settlement yesterday. The attack was "clearly an attempt to destabilise the peace" on Natal's south coast between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party, an ANC official said.

Siyabonga Cwele, a member of the ANC executive, said that according to witnesses, eight gunmen stormed the remote house at Murchison, near Port Shepstone. The house was shared by ANC youths aged 16 to 25.

Dumisani Makhaye, a regional ANC spokesman, said two youths survived. The killers threw a grenade and opened fire with automatic rifles through the windows and the door, he said.

Mr Makhaye said local ANC leaders had addressed more than 1,500 people gathered at the scene and called on ANC supporters to show restraint. "The biggest weapon against violence is the weapon of peace," he said.

☐ **Tanzania talks:** The Tanzanian and South African governments last week held their first high-level diplomatic contacts since 1964, Pretoria said yesterday. *(Reuter)*

UN peacekeepers tighten security in Cambodia for Boutros Ghali visit

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN BATTAMBANG, NORTHWEST CAMBODIA, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary general, is due to arrive in an unstable Cambodia tomorrow, just days after three UN peacekeepers were killed in attacks by suspected Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

Workers at the UN headquarters in Phnom Penh have been building an extra security wall around the compound in anticipation of the visit. Concern about Dr Boutros Ghali's safety sharpened after three Bulgarians were killed and three injured last Friday by Khmer Rouge guerrillas who came to dinner and then opened fire on their hosts in the southern province of Speu Kompong.

The tension in Cambodia is voiced by Yasushi Akashi, the Japanese chief of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac), who is running the most ambitious, comprehensive and expensive UN military and civilian operation in history. He describes his job as the kind "which would delight a masochist".

On a visit to meet frontline UN personnel stationed in Battambang province, one of the most dangerous areas in Cambodia still partly controlled by trigger-happy guerrillas of the Khmer Rouge, Mr Akashi spoke of the challenges that face him and the 21,000 UN staff members under his command. "This is a new type of very ambitious operation setting a new pattern for comprehensive peacekeeping. If it is successful the Untac model could be applied elsewhere."

Mr Akashi, 62, appears to be suffering visibly under the strain of the responsibility of a $100 million (£67 million) a month operation. His mandate as laid down in the Paris peace agreements of October 1991 encompasses seven main goals. The three immediate aims are to disarm the forces of Cambodia's four warring factions and place them in cantonments; to ensure a "neutral political environment conducive to free and fair elections" scheduled for May 25; and to repatriate 370,000 Cambodian refugees who fled the country, mainly to Thailand, during the two decades of fighting that began to subside two years ago.

On top of that Untac is charged with maintenance of law and order, protection of human rights, control of the civil administration and the reconstruction and rehabilitation of a country brought to its knees by 20 years of Cold War era proxy wars, manifested in the Vietnam conflict, the murder of one million people by the Khmer Rouge, and 13 years of civil war after Cambodia was invaded by Vietnam in 1978. All four competing Cambodian factions that signed the peace agreements and comprehensive political settlement in Paris with 19 other nations have refused to comply with the agreements to varying degrees, prompting Mr Akashi to state bluntly that their obduracy had come close to scuppering the peace process.



Boutros Ghali: murders increased concern

UN soldiers say the fighting is far from over. "It's not total war but there are daily guerrilla and terrorist activities and not only by the Khmer Rouge," Lieutenant General John Sanderson, Untac force commander, said.

With just two months to go before the election, observers believe that the Khmer Rouge will mount a campaign to disrupt them because it will never participate in a procedure that will almost certainly prevent it from gaining power through the ballot box. They expect the Khmer Rouge to upgrade its guerrilla warfare against whatever government is elected. Others believe that the Khmer Rouge has a more subtle strategy: partly to accede to Untac demands, see the election through relatively peacefully and then await Untac's departure scheduled for September, before making its next move.

Whatever the Khmer Rouge chooses to do, it is becoming clear that the UN will be unable to pack its bags and leave after the elections, abandoning an intractable problem to the Cambodians. The UN will more likely define a new extended presence, which will continue its peacekeeping and reconstructing role. "The UN stayed on in Cyprus for 30 years. It is important for us to hasten to create the conditions for the independence of Cambodia," Mr Akashi said. He may be in for a long haul.

NEWS IN BRIEF

US failed to heed warnings

New York: President Mubarak of Egypt said yesterday that the bombing of the World Trade Centre could have been prevented if America had paid more attention to Egyptian warnings about the dangers posed by a Muslim fundamentalist organisation within the United States (Ben Macintyre writes).

In Jerusalem, an embassy spokesman said Mr Mubarak and Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, would meet before the resumption of the peace talks later this month.

Rebel caught

Jakarta: Antonio Gomes da Costa, East Timor's rebel leader, has been caught, Indonesia's army said. His capture is a serious blow to the guerrillas' fight against Jakarta. *(Reuter)*

Bodies found

Dhaka: Workers cleaning the debris from a fire here found the charred bodies of six children who were trapped after a slum was set alight.

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Sydney: Two Australian companies are testing marijuana fibre in the making of paper, a spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

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Judas was a good guy, after all

Was the Bible's great villain simply a victim of propaganda? John Gross looks at attempts to rebuild almost 2,000 years of lost reputation


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A picture of repentance: but is this long-accepted image of Judas simply a result of ancient jealousies and anti-semitism?

This is Holy Week, but it is going to differ from all previous Holy Weeks in one notable respect. A British television company will be broadcasting an impassioned, hour-long plea on behalf of Judas.

Those who find such an idea abhorrent, or absurd, will at least grant that Judas is a fascinating figure. He may not be strictly indispensable to the Christian scheme of things — Pilate's soldiers would no doubt have succeeded in taking Jesus prisoner without him — but he exercises a powerful hold over the Christian imagination. Over the secular imagination, too. Everyone has heard of him, and you need never have opened a Bible to know something about the deceitful kiss, the 30 pieces of silver.

He is in many ways a mysterious character, as well as a vivid one, and over the centuries he has prompted all kinds of questions — theological, historical, moral, psychological. What were his motives? Why should he have been selected as an apostle in the first place? How can he have been both a free agent and a preordained instrument? Why the discrepancy between the issues at stake when he betrayed Jesus and the paltry bribe he received? What does the name Iscariot signify? What was his connection, if any, with the Judas who was one of Jesus's brothers (according to Matthew) and the other, more shadowy apostle Judas (the "Judas, not Iscariot" of the Gospel of St John)?

The answers to such questions can only be speculative. What is not in doubt, however, is one particular consequence of the Judas story.

Last year, Hyam Maccoby published a closely argued book with a fairly self-explanatory title: *Judas and the Myth of Jewish Evil*. In some respects, Maccoby is as speculative as any of his predecessors — he tries to uncover the "real" Judas behind the often elusive, often contradictory gospel accounts; but he also demonstrates, with indisputable chapter and verse, the key part played by Judas in the development of anti-semitism.

The gospels themselves, if you read them in chronological order, reveal a progressive blackening of Judas's character — a result, Maccoby argues, of the propaganda war waged by St Paul and his followers against the Jerusalem Church, those early Christians who still thought of themselves as Jews. Even John, however, the last of the gospel narratives, does not go as far as to identify Judas with the Jewish people as a whole.

That was a theme reserved for the Church fathers, a theme which led in time to the full-blown popular legend of Judas as representative Jew — the Judas of the passion plays, as much an embodiment of avarice as treachery. And the medieval myth has lived on.

This week a wider audience will be given a chance to reflect on the whole Jewish-Judas tradition. Tonight, Channel 4 is broadcasting Howard Jacobson's *Sorry, Judas*, a programme which plainly draws inspiration from Maccoby, but which adds to the original thesis a great deal of Jacobsonian pizazz. Jacobson himself dresses up as Judas; he slaps down 30 shekels at a supermarket check-out to show how little it will buy; he addresses the camera dangling from a noose; he asks a Catholic priest what steps he has to taken to set in motion the canonisation of Judas. Clips from terrible old movies reinforce the message, and the background music includes "You always hurt the one you love".

Like much of Jacobson's work, the programme is wildly uneven, a mixture of exquisite bad taste and sterling good sense. It is also, at times, very funny; but Jacobson's humour shouldn't lead anyone to suppose that he isn't being deadly serious.

With good reason. No-one who looks at the evidence could be in any doubt that the linking of Jew and Judas has done immense harm. And nothing has made it a more potent force for ill than the similarity between the two names — an obvious one in most languages (or so I imagine).

Where does that leave us? Jacobson argues — jokingly? half-jokingly? — for canonisation. He is partly seeking to redress old wrongs, but also reviving a venerable "secret" tradition. In the early centuries of the Church there were Gnostics for whom Judas's betrayal of Christ was a divine mission (since it opened up the path to salvation), and the man himself a hero or a sacrificial victim rather than a villain. In our own time this theme has been taken about as far as it will go by Jorge Luis Borges in *Three Versions of Judas*, a remarkable story about a theologian who ends up maintaining that Judas rather than Jesus was the Son of God.

> The gospels reveal a progressive blackening of Judas's character — a result of the propaganda war by St Paul and his followers

Maccoby advocates a less spectacular form of rehabilitation. He wants us to recognise that Judas was in all likelihood an admirable figure, who was traduced by the enemies of the Jerusalem Church for their own partisan reasons. He would also like to see the use of Judas as a term of hatred outlawed, "not by legislative action, but by the common consent of people of good will". This last seems to me an excessive reaction. I don't believe that every hostile use of the term carries an anti-semitic charge, even at one remove. I also think that the old myth has lost much of its power.

Howard Jacobson's programme may provoke a few protests, but they are unlikely to compare with the storm of outrage which would greet a programme that put forward the traditional view of a Jewish Judas with the same degree of satirical fervour.

Or am I being complacent? Old myths can be reactivated, and I accept that I may one day have to change my mind. For the moment, however, we don't have to refer everything about the Judas legend to the question of group libel. We can afford to think about other aspects.

About the lonely Judas who looks out at us — and into us — from Rubens's magnificent painting of the last supper in Milan (a picture that Maccoby and Jacobson both greatly admire). About the Judas in the poem by the Irish poet A.E. that used to haunt Graham Greene ("In the lost boyhood of Judas/Christ was betrayed"). About Judas as a tragic, enigmatic individual.

But we should not forget the dangers that still lurk in the legend, either; and after reading Maccoby or watching Jacobson we can have no excuse for ignoring them.

John Gross's book Shylock: 400 years in the life of a legend *was published by Chatto in the autumn (£18).*

America's fatal tourist traps

Ben Macintyre on the dangers the holiday brochures never mention

There is a moment, familiar to anyone who has arrived in a large American airport and hired a car, when you drive along the bumpy freeway fringed by urban jungle and realise you have no idea where you are and that one false turn, the wrong exit or a mis-read map and your wallet, your safety and even your life may be in jeopardy.

Tom Wolfe brilliantly captured this moment of sheer terror in his novel, *Bonfire of the Vanities*, when the book's main character loses his way into New York and finds himself in the urban "combat zone"; but there is nothing fictional about the dangers facing the unwary and unfortunate once they stray from the neon of the highway to the unlit, pot-holed and supremely dangerous streets of the inner-city.

> Hired cars are such easy targets for the muggers

The horrific murder of a German tourist last week, who lost her way when leaving Miami airport, ended up in the ghetto and was beaten, robbed and killed while her children looked on, was an avoidable tragedy. Miami is one of the world's premier tourist destinations, where millions of European visitors arrive every day to visit the beaches, the Art Deco quarter or Disneyworld. What they are not warned about is the appalling level of crime in the city, the tortuous mess of roads they must navigate to get to a hotel and the possible consequences of getting lost.

On arrival in Miami, the average package holiday-maker is presented with a car (unfamiliar and automatic) and, if lucky, directions from someone who may or may not speak English and whose interest in getting you to your destination safely is exactly nil. American road signs are confusing enough in daylight; at night, when many transatlantic flights arrive, they are all but invisible. There may be little to be done about the poverty and lawlessness that is part of American urban life, but the way that most tourists are simply abandoned upon arriving in this country is, at best, a dereliction on the part of the tourist authorities.

Barbara Jensen Meller was stopped and murdered in a textbook example of America's newest and easiest crime, car-jacking: the "Z" on her car number plates immediately identified her as a tourist, and an easy target for the muggers, for whom it was the work of only a few moments to ram her car from behind, before robbing and killing her.

The death of Ms Meller was only the latest in a string of attacks on tourists: six visitors have been killed in Florida since December, another German tourist and his son who got lost leaving Miami airport last week were shot and robbed after muggers smashed the window of their rental car and shot at them while they were inside; and a New York City tourist was burned alive earlier in the week when he left a friend's house to buy a newspaper.

More concerned with tourist revenues than the safety of tourists, the authorities offer no warnings at Miami or other airports of the trials that lie ahead, which neighbourhoods to avoid or even how to summon emergency assistance.

Tourists should be warned to collect rental cars at or near their hotels rather than the airport; precise and simple directions should be offered to those who insist on driving themselves; tourists who arrive at night should be given extra protection, or at least warned of what to expect. The idea of police escort hardly seems far-fetched in the circumstances.

None of this is likely to happen for the simple reason that the tourism organisers would do anything rather than spoil the image of a land of waving palm trees, sunsets and Mickey Mouse.

Even taking a taxi can have terrifying results. Last week I caught a cab from New York's JFK airport and asked the driver to take me to Manhattan. He nodded vigorously, but a few minutes later we were in the heart of the Bronx, a place with few street lights, fewer policemen and legions of watching eyes. From the look of horror on my Puerto Rican taxi-driver's face he too was experiencing that unmistakable *Bonfire of the Vanities* sensation.

After driving around the Bronx in ever smaller and more panicked circles, we found a man in a beaten-up Chevvy who led us, still sweating, back to the freeway: such Samaritans do exist in the American ghetto, but no thanks to the tourist authorities whose "Have a Nice Day" banner at the immigration desk seems almost mocking in the light of what could, and all too often does happen once you leave the airport.

Where there's Will, there's away

Mothers spend years teaching their children how to leave home — then, when they do, it hurts like childbirth. Virginia Ironside speaks from experience

Shall I get the tube to Heathrow or, er, will you, er..?" What a question! How could my son, off on a lone trip to India for six months in his gap year between school and university, imagine that hell or high water would prevent his old mother from driving him to the airport?

For the past month he had been preparing this trip. He had stared at maps of India: friends had advised him to go to Nepal, not to go to Nepal, to go to the south, to risk Ladakh. Meanwhile, I had been buying special anti-Aids packs of sterilised needles, boned up on different varieties of malaria pills and water-sterilising tablets, discovered the BT Chargecard code from India: and said once, if I'd said it twice, "You can always come home if you want to, at any time." The hidden message was: "Please don't go away for quite so long! Please come back soon!"

But, rightly, he has no intention of coming home. And, as a mother, I am finding this rite of passage very, very painful. It is, simply, so very sad to see him go.

Every year, from the moment they are born, children seem to get more and more lovable, more entertaining, cleverer, and kinder. Then, when they reach their peak of charm, they scamper off.

Saying goodbye to him at the airport was particularly difficult. Afterwards I couldn't do a thing except drive home and go to bed, because the feeling, that he had been shot off in a rocket into outer space, was like birth in reverse.

Nineteen years ago, when he had just been born and lay in a carrycot beside me, I remember feeling that it was not a baby under the little blanket, but one of my own limbs. The day he left for India, the feelings were the same.

Whenever I thought of him, I felt that I *was* him in the plane, could feel *my* knees scrunched up against the seat in front, could hear the humming of the engine and smell the aircraft airconditioning.

On the other hand, part of me felt so empty that I almost wondered I had ever really had a child, a feeling for which I was completely unprepared. There may be ante-natal classes, to prepare mothers for birth, but where are the ante-adult ones, to prepare them for the moment the children fly the nest?

In the days after he left, the house seemed silent and empty. True, my son has been barely visible since he left school, waking late and spending every night out till all hours. But it is not just him we'll miss. It's his whole life: the phone ringing with calls from a horde of friends — Max, Rowan, Jake, Natalie, Millie, Moritz and Jamie. For the next six months we won't be woken at three in the morning by a hundred Doc Marten's on the stairs as great gangs go up to listen to music and sleep on the floor. Strange, shaven-headed young men will no longer bang at the door and mumble: "Is Will in?"


Will Ironside: shorn lamb facing the outside world

The peculiar smell of his latest culinary concoctions no longer pervade the house. When I turn on the car radio in the morning for Classic FM, it's Classic FM, not the funky sounds of Fishbone blaring from the tape he'd inserted the night before. Everything I put in the fridge stays in the fridge; it hasn't mysteriously disappeared by the morning. And, when I go into his room, still a wreck after all the last-minute packing, there is the poignant smell of him, of old socks and sneaked cigarettes.

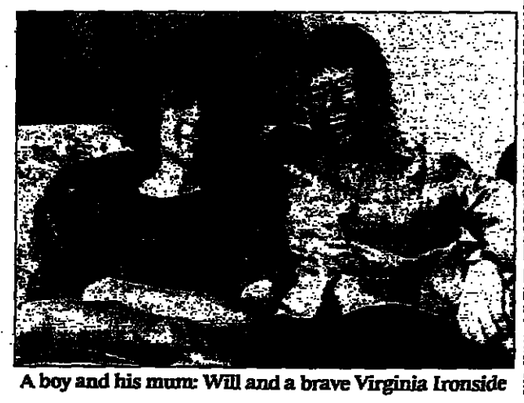
Now the permanent low rumble of faint irritation that pervades the home of every mother and teenage son, is replaced by the monotonous whine of anxiety about what is happening to him. Only hours after he'd taken off I was scanning the papers for air crashes. And had it really been wise to let him go on his own? Would he find any friends?

"I'm sure to meet people," my son had said, confidently. But what if he didn't? A veteran of the gap year had told me how wretched she felt after her daughter had gone to Africa. "Until he rings you'll feel dreadful," she said. "So get him to call you as soon as possible."

She was right. The morning after he left, a crackling phone-call from Delhi, all street-sounds of horns and yells, revealed that he had met a couple of nice people from Nottingham — how safe the word "Nottingham" sounded! — and they were just going out to explore. He sounded as if he was in the next room. "It's amazing," he said. "Don't worry, mum." I've stopped worrying. But I haven't stopped missing him. Because he isn't in the same room. He is thousands of miles away.

What makes the feeling of loss so confusing is that it is mixed with a tremendous feeling of pride. The bird has flown the nest — what I have been preparing him for all his life. He worked hard to earn enough money to finance himself, and he has simply crossed the world to have adventures. Aren't I lucky to have a son like that? Of course I am. But, like every mother, there's a bit of me that just feels so sad. And just wishes that somehow he could be here at the same time.

Certainly the person who comes back will be changed. His personality may be just the same, he may still live at home for a while, but he will be a new, independent person, a person able to live without his mother. A success story. And the price for the success at every stage in children's lives is the pain of loss.


A boy and his mum: Will and a brave Virginia Ironside

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Voices of sweet unreason

Easter in modern Britain may be predominantly a secular festival, but too much rationality can seriously damage your health, Ian Robertson argues

To most people in this country, Easter is a time of school holidays and overpriced chocolate eggs: crucifixion and resurrection are not uppermost in our predominantly rational and secular minds. Indeed, religious beliefs are commonly regarded as signs of backwardness and superstition, doomed to cause strife and conflict — as with for instance, David Koresh and his Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas.

Under siege, with the bodies of his slain disciples around him, he apparently believes that he is Jesus Christ. Our reaction is to dismiss him as yet another madman in the gun-mad American society. Yet there is no evidence that he is "mad" in any diagnosable sense, and we are left struggling with a fact that sits uneasily with the assumption that people should be rational: that some human beings are capable of believing literally anything.

Britons pride themselves on their rationality, but are they really that rational? Take superstition, for instance: how many of us would balk at taking room 13 in a spooky old hotel? Or avoid walking under a ladder? Or prefer not to "tempt fate" by mentioning something we fear or desire? Is there not a little irrational craziness in all of us?

Many people in this country would think that believing in such things as virgin births, bread turning into human flesh and bodies recomposing themselves on Judgment Day is just silly. Yet millions of practising Christians in Britain subscribe to beliefs which, to their secular fellow citizens, are as absurd as Koresh thinking he is Christ.

What is interesting about the average British rationalist-materialist-humanist citizen, however, is his or her partiality for such exotica as aromatherapy, acupuncture, reflexology, astrology and aura-massage, most of which are based on theories which might appear to be every bit as arbitrary and absurd as Christian beliefs are to the average Mr and Mrs Secular.

> Rationalism does not easily tolerate odd behaviour

This probably means that rationality is simply not enough for the human mind, no matter how educated and technologically sophisticated human beings have become.

There is a non-rational side to everyone, and the denial of this fact may cause as many problems as are often blamed on religion.

The rationality myth also takes its toll of those whose non-rationality is unconventional. Take auditory hallucinations, for example. Hearing voices which are not really there is one of the key diagnostic symptoms of schizophrenia.

Some of the bizarre behaviour of mentally ill people is caused by them obeying instructions from voices which exist only in their heads. Yet some who hear voices are not schizophrenic.

The Hearing Voices Network is a self-help group for just such individuals. Its members experience auditory hallucinations. And many of them have suffered what they regard to be harmful psychiatric treatment — for instance electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and prescription of drugs known to damage the brain in the long term — because they are misdiagnosed as schizophrenic.

The Hearing Voices group insists that their hallucinations are not symptoms of a disease, but are simply an unusual extension of normal experience. Rather than trying to shut out these voices, they try to accept them and cope with them.

And you certainly do not have to be psychotic or schizophrenic in order to hear voices. If the senses are starved of input — say by being locked alone in a lightless, soundproof room for long periods — many people begin to hallucinate. So do lone long-distance yachtsmen. I, a solitary deckhand on a fishing boat in mid-ocean, once clearly heard a disembodied voice behind me.

Rationalism does not easily tolerate odd behaviour and experience, and likes to tidy it up by labelling it as "sick", and calling in the doctors. Hundreds of years ago, if you heard voices, you would have had a good chance of forging a career as a divine — or ending it rapidly as a witch. Elijah and St John the Divine became biblical best-sellers on the backs of the voices they heard. And out of such "craziness" have come many of the great ideas and art in human civilisation.

The prevailing dogma in Britain is a humanist, rationalist one. One result of this is that there is little ritual or ceremony, little opportunity for switching off the rational and allowing the human mind to work in the many different ways of which we know it to be capable. Ours is probably the first civilisation ever to have shackled human consciousness in such a way.

One result of this is, of course, the flourishing of cults such as Koresh's Branch Davidians, a substantial number of whom are British. In the absence of strong traditionalist reins on human non-rational consciousness, other cults flourish, often with disastrous results such as those in Waco or Jonestown, Guyana, where nearly a thousand followers of the cult leader Jim Jones committed mass suicide in 1978.

Judaism and Catholicism are two examples of religions which are well aware of the need for historical authority and tradition, yet they are frequently the butt of scorn by the average British rationalist for their dogma and conservatism. But it may be these very qualities of inflexibility which are needed to channel the intermittent but irresistible need of the human mind for the non-rational, if we are to prevent the continued emergence of figures such as Koresh, who forsake rationality too completely and for too long.

And, for we secular Brits, perhaps Easter is one time when we could try to slacken the reins of rationality and allow the ritual and symbolism of the festival to insinuate themselves into our consciousness in unfamiliar ways.



The establishment takes arms against the outlaw: policemen attempt to climb into the compound held by David Koresh and his Branch Davidians sect in Waco, Texas

Ending a lottery in lives

A new approach to organ donation could cut deaths on the waiting lists for transplants

Nothing is more precious than human life. That is why five people risked their own survival at the weekend to ensure the safe delivery of a donor liver from Birmingham to Edinburgh for an emergency transplant operation.

First two pilots of a light aircraft put their lives on the line when they were forced to ditch in the Forth estuary, just outside Edinburgh, then three divers did the same when they rescued the liver from the submerged aircraft.

As the result, the life of a 25-year-old woman who is now recovering from surgery at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary has almost certainly been saved.

Such donor organs are clearly valued beyond price. Why, then, are so many wasted because so little effort is made to obtain them from victims of sudden death?

Today, in Exeter, the British Transplantation Society, the professional organisation of the country's leading transplant doctors is meeting to face the issue. The society is considering supporting an opting-out scheme which, if introduced, would mean that the organs of victims of sudden death could be used for transplant unless they had chosen not to be part of a national registration scheme.

About 3,000 transplants are carried out every year in Britain. About seven in ten liver transplant patients are still alive five years later; for heart and kidney transplants the rate is nearer eight in ten. Yet there are usually at least 5,000 people awaiting transplants. At least a quarter of those waiting for heart transplants die on the official waiting list. Many more never make it onto the list at all because they are in their sixties and are deemed too old in a system where rationing must be applied.

A form of opting-out scheme could help solve the problem of organ shortage. It has the advantage of accepting human frailty and our ability to put off almost forever anything which makes us face our mortality. By definition, those who become donors are healthy people whose death is unexpected. So few potential donors would be likely to carry a donor card and would be unlikely to have discussed the issue with their nearest and dearest.

In a modified opting-out scheme, your organs could be used for transplant unless you had opted out. But the doctors would still have to consult your closest relative, who could rule that the organs could not be used.

Reference to a relative is crucial to the success of the idea. Similar schemes have had some success in France, Austria and Belgium. They only continue to be effective, however, if they are supported by the public. They will not do so if grieving relatives in intensive care units fear doctors might be in a position simply to ignore their feelings.

If someone has positively opted in to a national register — and not merely failed to opt out — their positive wish to make a last gift of life should take precedence, even over the finer feelings of distraught relatives.

Such a scheme would address another important aspect of human frailty: that of the staff on intensive care wards whose job it is to ask relatives to agree to organ donation. At present, they have to do so in ignorance of their patient's wishes. Not surprisingly, many fail to even ask grieving relatives the vital question.

Because of the publicity surrounding the Edinburgh transplant air crash, for the next few weeks there will be more donors — and as a result more lives will be saved. This happens every time the positive, human side of transplants hits the headlines, as it did at the weekend.

When, in 1989, Aisling Barnett's desperate husband was pleading on television for a donor liver for his dying wife, the number of liver transplants done in the United Kingdom shot up in one week to 12 instead of the usual one.

A recent study has shown that after transplants make the headlines, nurses and doctors in intensive care units are far more likely to broach the emotionally fraught subject of organ donation with relatives of previously healthy victims of sudden death. Those relatives, too, are then more likely to say yes.

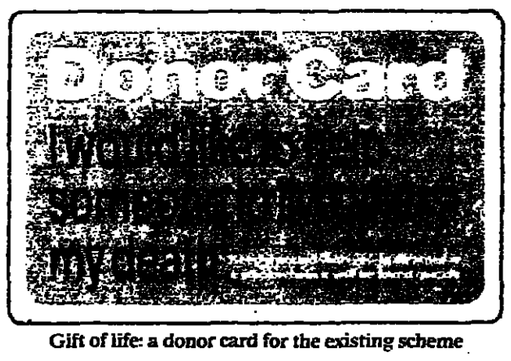
The government has now indicated it favours some form of computerised national donor registration scheme linked to NHS numbers. The question of what precise form it should take is being debated by the medical profession, which is split between opting in and opting out.

Today, in Edinburgh a young woman is starting a new life because two pilots and three divers risked their lives to deliver a precious human organ to a team of doctors.

Transplants represent one of the biggest advances in surgery in the past 30 years. The whole complex system depends on strict organisation and a regular supply of fresh organs delivered on time in perfect condition. There is, however, a fatal human weakness right at the very beginning of that chain, which can turn the whole business of saving lives by transplant into a lottery.

Whether or not a desperately ill patient gets the chance of a transplant still depends on the individual courage of a hard-pressed doctor or nurse in an intensive care unit to say to a grieving relative who has just lost a son or daughter in a car crash: "I'm sorry, we have done all we can. We have lost the fight. "Have you thought of organ donation?"

AILEEN BALLANTYNE



Gift of life: a donor card for the existing scheme

Disturbing reports are circulating about hip surgery and premenstrual tension

This joint need not be replaced

The 40,000 patients in the United Kingdom who will have hip joint replacements this year may well have been unnecessarily alarmed by the impression given in recent reports in the press and on television that all is not well in the province of hip surgery.

On the contrary, hip surgery is one of the post-war success stories of medicine. It offers mobility to patients who would otherwise be crippled, a return to active life for those whose daily round and ability to tackle trivial tasks has been limited by pain. Most important of all, perhaps, it restores sleep to those whose nights have been ravaged by their arthritis.

The present arguments are of more concern to accountants and hospital administrators than to the patients. The dispute revolves around the cost in time, money and, it must in some cases be admitted, patient inconvenience, which has stemmed from attempts to introduce modifications to the standard, and well-tried, artificial hip joints. These modifications, it was hoped, would prolong the life of the artificial joints and enable young patients who are now having the operation to follow more vigorous pursuits, whether to earn a living or for pleasure.

Recent studies have shown that over 80 per cent of patients still have good results from their hip surgery ten years after replacement. A great many hips last for very much longer. The length of time a new hip lasts depends on the disease which necessitated surgery and the age and sex of the patient; men, particularly younger men, give hips a much greater pounding. People who are otherwise very fit but who may have needed an operation as a result of an accident do least well because their active life subjects their joints to maximum stress.


DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Patients with osteoarthritis, the wearing out of joints often associated with old age, are probably already suffering some limitation of activity, and their new joint lasts longer. People with rheumatoid arthritis usually already have severely curtailed lifestyles and, as their joints are spared heavy use, not surprisingly do well.

The recent controversy has concentrated on the cost of research into modifications of the standard joint. No artificial joint is perfect and changes in design to overcome the imperfections are, like any other advance in medicine, expensive, and, like any change, liable occasionally to be a change for the worse. The actual cost of the new hip joint is only a small part of the overall cost of the operation.

One of the problems in assessing the suitability of a new joint has been in comparing like with like. The press reports compared some present-day results with those of yesteryear. But years ago the operations were usually carried out in large centres with surgeons who were the leaders in their profession. The patients were mainly elderly who the great reaper was likely to garner before the joint failed.

Hugh Phillips, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon in Norwich, and secretary of the Hip Society says: "In the past it was a race between the failure of the joint and failure of the patient but now we deal with younger people. The artificial joint which would be ideal for a 104-year-old little old lady, and would stand the strain demanded by putting the cat out, would not necessarily fare so well when fitted to a 14-stone farmer carrying sacks of pig feed."

Little old lady or Norfolk pig farmer can take consolation that the statistics show that the length of time that their new hip will last is increasing. All patients have to understand the strain that a hip joint is put through; standing up from a chair puts a stress on the joint of six times the weight of the patient, running subjects it to a stress 30 times the patient's weight. Despite this, a younger patient can look forward not only to being able to walk without pain and play a sedate round golf but also to taking part in most of the activities of his contemporaries.

● SUFFERERS from the premenstrual syndrome, and those who work or live with them, have been as outraged as they were amazed by reports this week which seem to suggest that the syndrome is a figment of women's imaginations, a subconscious excuse for irresponsible or irritable behaviour, or at best an exacerbation of underlying depression.

In true premenstrual tension the mood change, emotional lability, the nervousness, irritability and depression come on for a few days before the period, and, here is the important diagnostic point, cease almost immediately once menstruation has started. There are physical symptoms as well as emotional ones; there is fluid retention, bloating and mastalgia (breast pain).

The cause of premenstrual tension is unknown but is probably due to a combination of factors with a hormonal base. The symptoms are not helped by diuretics, "water pills". The breast pain, however, responds to a long course of Evening Primrose Oil, but this seems to have little effect on other symptoms.

PMS is a very real entity and the patients need the understanding of their doctors as well as the support and tolerance of their families and working colleagues. If they are depressed or have psychiatric problems at other times of the month they need treatment for them as PMS will certainly make the symptoms worse.


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Success story: an X-ray of the pelvis with an artificial hip joint

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Lynne Truss



■ Will the BBC really pull the plug on the Bathroom Two?

Contrary to popular preconception, you can meet all sorts on a march to save Radio 4 Long Wave. Oh yes. On Saturday, as our happy band of orderly middle-class protesters set off from Speakers' Corner and headed for Broadcasting House, I actually found myself demonstrating alongside a woman who reads *The Guardian*. Hey! Right! So let us, once and for all, forget this slur that the Long Wave campaign is about fuddy-duddy types who think "grass roots" is something to do with *Gardeners' Question Time*. What Saturday's protest showed was that it is possible to feel very strongly about an issue yet remain polite, that's all. "What do we want?" yelled our cheerleader. "Radio Four!" we responded, slightly heady at our own daring. "Where do we want it?" "Long Wave!" "How do we ask?" "Please!"

It was a small march, admittedly, but the hell with it, we carried lots of balloons. Efforts to recruit bystanders from Oxford Street ("Come and join us!") were slightly optimistic, I thought — the bewildered looks of shoppers telling us what we knew in our hearts already: that the cause of "R4 LW" is not an instantly emotive one, and that the joke about Duke Hussey being able to pick up FM reception on his leg is a trifle arcane.

"What are you protesting about?" a young woman asked the contingent from Belgium. "The BBC wants to put Radio 4 on FM only, which means we won't get it on the Continent any more." The woman walked alongside us while she considered this information, in all its many aspects. "That's terrible," she said at last, as she nevertheless noticeably slowed her pace and dropped out. "Hey, listen, I hope you get what you want." And then, as an afterthought, she called after us, "This Radio 4, can you get it here?"

There were contingents from all over the place — all of northern Europe, and lots of areas in Britain where trying to get an FM signal is almost as fruitless and frustrating as trying to get a straight answer from the BBC. Embarrassed that personally I did not live in a far-flung outpost of the Long Wave Diaspora, I admitted sotto voce to my exotic *Guardian*-reading friend that my FM reception is actually OK so long as I don't attempt to move the radio, or stand more than 3 ft away from it in leather-soled shoes. She seemed relieved. She admitted likewise that hers was also OK, so long as everyone in the kitchen made only limited lateral movements with their upper bodies, and the fridge door was left open.

Neither of us, however, could get FM in our bathrooms, so we formed an instant bond and became the Bathroom Contingent, marching on behalf of Long Wave bathrooms throughout the land. Meanwhile I couldn't help inwardly pondering the health consequences of repeatedly opening the fridge for the sake of good bits on *Pick of the Week*. John Birt's BBC no doubt has many things on its conscience, but the potential for dealing bacteriological food-poisoning to a nation of *Guardian* readers has surely escaped its purview until now.

When we arrived at Broadcasting House, our reception — appropriately enough — was a bit fuzzy, and depended on where you were standing. Suddenly mob-like once we stopped moving, we assembled outside the Langham Hotel and raised our educated voices against those unresponsive grey stone walls, waggling our balloons in an aggressive manner, until eventually a bloke in a suit (Phil Harding) came out to meet us and shoved through the crowd, filmed by BBC news. And that was it; the balloons were collected; we all drifted off to John Lewis for a bit of light shopping. According to reports in the Sunday papers, Mr Harding said, "I'm listening; I'm listening," but I didn't hear him. Perhaps I was wearing the wrong shoes.

But what I will remember is the weird experience of waiting across the road for something to happen. Extra police materialised — making us feel more agitated, of course — and we started to grow restive. After all, if there was one thing guaranteed to make us livid, it was the feeling of being ignored by the BBC. I had a nasty moment, I can tell you, when it suddenly struck me I might go down in broadcasting history as a member of the Bathroom Two.



ONE RACE STILL RUNNING

A plume for Mrs Pieterse

Ostrich-wrestling is not recommended to readers at home, but if you do get into a fight, remember to go for the jugular

Bernard Levin

From time to time, I feel compelled to remind you that I do not make the news, nor even report it; I comment on it. The result, unfortunately, is that it gives too many opportunities for disbelief, and however many times I remind you that there is nothing in this world so strange as to be truly unbelievable, the cries of "Come off it" resound right through breakfast. But, after all, when a story is published in both *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sun*, who am I to cast sidelong glances and wink? Here goes.

The story, which took place in South Africa, in the small town of Harrismith, Orange Free State, concerns a lady of 45 years, a Mrs Annalie Pieterse; she weighs only eight stone, and I would be obliged if you would kindly keep that figure in mind during what follows, for — as you shall learn — it is vital to the unfolding scene. Mrs Pieterse is a marathon runner (well, I suppose marathon running is better than jogging, though not all that much), and she was out for a training spin, happily lolloping along the trail, and no doubt dreaming of the day when she breasts the tape at Atlanta to take the gold medal, when all of a sudden, an ostrich strolled into view.

Now despite the attempts of the experts to explain that ostriches are real birds (albeit flightless), practically everybody is convinced that they are not to be found in the South African bush, but in newspaper and magazine cartoons, invariably standing in rows with their heads stuck in the ground. Nevertheless, the lady refused to believe that the beast would soon come up with a caption, and was right in her supposition, because the first thing the ostrich did when he caught sight of her was to give her an almighty kick, which knocked her flat. (I should say here, heedless of the last shreds of my credibility, that the correct zoological name of the ostrich is *Struthio camelus*, presumably because the first man who ever set eyes on one exclaimed "Struth, it's a camel!")

As any ornithological expert will tell you, if you have the misfortune to be kicked to the ground by an indignant ostrich, the second best thing you can do (the best is to be somewhere else, preferably a long way away) is to lie still. Lying still, and trying to make no sound, is probably the manoeuvre best designed to persuade the bird either to stick its head in the ground or go away. But in any case, the victim was most unlikely to be in any condition to exchange pleasantries, having been half stunned by the thing's first blow.

In fact, she was unlikely to be in any condition to do anything, not least because all her attempts to persuade the creature that she was dead (her first ruse) had been received with considerable suspicion. As you may imagine, the winged terror's incredulity did little or nothing to improve the situation, but for some time it happily contented itself with marching round and round our fallen heroine like Achilles dragging the corpse of Hector round the walls of Troy. After some time, however, our spirited eight-stoner became sufficiently cross (and, no doubt, sufficiently unconcussed) to get up. This rash decision, no doubt based on the reasonable belief that she could not stay indefinitely where she was, turned out to be a serious mistake, because the bird kicked her to the ground again, this time breaking several of her ribs, puncturing one of her lungs, and causing her to suffer a variety of cuts and bruises.

Two throws: whether ostrich-wrestling follows the more familiar method I do not know, and I suppose that she didn't either, but the gallant lass, perhaps determined to get the Lonsdale Belt as well as the gold medal for marathon running, spat on her hands and essayed the third bout. No go; the thing, tiring of kicking her, tried stamping on her, with considerable success. (Yes, I know it's only a bird, but going tweeter-tweeter-tweeter and holding out a palm full of nuts to a bird that can — and frequently does — grow to a weight of 300lb will not advance matters very far.)

By now you might think that the lady would be ready to call it a day. Not so. Indeed she was only getting into her stride, and if the maddened bird thought it could now devour her at leisure, he had a nasty shock coming, and about time. Those years of aerobics were not wasted, for — in her own words — she took the war to the enemy, saying "I rolled on my back and kicked him three times in the chest *before getting up and grabbing him by the neck*". (If any ostriches are reading this, I beg them to adopt a low profile; I have no animus against them, but it would be straining belief to suggest that the lady would, if she survived the experience, still go on leaving a nightly saucer of milk outside the back door for any stray ostriches.)

By now, I am sure, you have ceased to believe a word of all this: a story about eight stone of woman against 300lb ostrich would be greeted with scepticism even if it were told by an archbishop; yet I do but speak the facts as revealed. The trouble is that you have noticed that ostriches in Disney and similar films, in cartoons by the thousand, in comic-books and in children's television, always have knots in their necks, and by now you are firm in the belief that real ostriches also have the telltale sign. To be jeered at when telling nothing but the truth is painful, but even more distressing is that in this case the scoffers plainly prefer the absurd fiction to the bald reality.

But, believe it or not (and I have no illusions as to which you have chosen), I have to go even further in this story, every step of it perfectly true, yet every step of it inevitably rejected with sneers of disbelief and even clods of earth, half-bricks and dead cats. For the eight-stone marvel with broken bones and a punctured lung got to her feet and essayed, with astounding courage and fortitude, to grab the ostrich, and this time *she got hold of the thing and tied the knot*.

Well, not literally, of course. Hear the lady herself, and shame on you for doubting her: "I kinked his neck, gave it a few twists and, to my surprise, he dropped dead." Well, I should damned well think so; if you and I had our necks kinked and then given a few twists, dead is the least thing we would be likely to drop. But a word of warning, please, to our new Florence Nightingale, the lady with the iron hands; it is unlikely that the Animal Liberation Front would try conclusions with a woman who, if she doesn't go as far as eating an ostrich for breakfast, certainly strangles them at teatime, so there is danger there. But don't, any of you, try to emulate her feat of valour; much better stay at home, watch children's television, and when the ostriches come galumphing on, with the standard knot in their necks, listen to them ticking. Yes, ticking, because just as everybody believes that ostriches have knots in their necks, so everybody is certain that ostriches tick, because they are forever swallowing clocks.

Staggering home, our bravest of the brave must have been — for all the damage she had sustained — greatly pleased with herself; she was certainly entitled to be. But from headquarters, that is to say the ostrich experts, came a sombre warning, though it is not entirely clear whether the warning was directed to the lady or the tiger, for the word was that "The toenail of an ostrich slices like a blade: it can kill a human being".

An ordinary human being, possibly, but not Mrs Pieterse, our ostrich-conqueror. There is, or was, a man who made a living on the music-hall stage by *eating* razor-blades — real ones, too — it was no fake. But *our* girl eats ostrich toenails, and what is more, she eats the ostriches, too.

Cherchez les femmes, at any rate if you want ostriches beaten up. It is believed by the experts that the beast's original hostility sprang from its protective role — it had a pregnant ostrichess to look after. Perhaps; but if so, there is an unconsolable ostrich-widow somewhere in the vicinity. Somehow, I do not think that our heroine will undertake the role of midwife.

Before we part today, can anybody say why ostriches cannot fly? If you ask the experts, you will be told that in the course of evolution, their power of flight atrophied and disappeared. Yes, but why did that happen? After all, pigeons didn't find their powers of flight waning, and a considerable nuisance they have always been. Perhaps, over the centuries, there were not only ostriches, but a breed of Mrs Pieterses, too.

The bookies' lucky day

Woodrow 'Bertie' Wyatt reflects on the National fiasco

Oh, P.G. Wodehouse, would you had been alive on this day of uproarious farce. It was created for the pen which wrote *The Great Sermon Handicap*, and that was mere fiction. Bowler-hatted Captain Keith Brown was starting his last Martell Grand National. Rod Fabricius, clerk of the course at Goodwood, was temporarily clerk at Aintree in place of John Parrett, who sadly died last December. The start was delayed seven minutes by 30 or so animal rights protesters shouting and parading in front of the first fence. Always dangerous to animals, the loonies made the waiting horses unusually restless. At last the long tapes, checked as in order four hours before, rose falteringly. Some horses began, others didn't. Captain Brown waved his red flag and Mr Ken Evans, race recall official paid £28 for the day, dashed in front of the horses waving his.

All returned for a second start, with horses and jockeys none too pleased. Again the tapes began to stagger up unevenly. Richard Dunwoody on the hot contender Wont Be Gone Long was caught in the tapes and nearly strangled. Nine horses didn't start. Clearly panicked, Captain Brown waved his red flag, now tightly furled and looking like a walking-stick. Whatever Mr Evans did or didn't do, he had no hope with 30 horses releasing pent-up energy as they charged. If the jockeys noticed anything they may have thought the animal rights mob were at it again. The winner of the race that wasn't was Esha Ness. In my Bertie Wooster role, enjoying flutters with outsiders, I had tipped it in Saturday's *Daily Telegraph* and backed it early at 66-1 (the Tote would have paid 98-1). "May I suggest, sir," Jeeves said sympathetically, "a little with the Tote on Good For A Laugh running in Ireland?"

The shaken stewards delayed seemingly an eternity before declaring the race void. Meanwhile, the almost deranged spectators were rampaging near to riot. One inflamed drunk in the Tote on-course betting shop uttered vicious threats, brandishing an open flick-knife, before plain-clothes police nabbed and arrested him. Upon the announcement that all bets would be returned, there was chaos. In the pouring rain Tote windows were besieged by punters with sodden betting slips: there were raging queues beyond the off of the last race. Tote Cash on-course lost £100,000 profit. The Tote can only win with its pools: it removes its share beforehand and is unconcerned by whatever bookies prices are for the first four, fancied or otherwise, in the frame.

Bookies dread the National more than any other race. Horses heavily backed each way frequently come in the first four. Only very occasionally is there a 100-1 or even a 50-1 winner to save their skins. They would have been deliriously happy if Esha Ness had won the real race, which it almost certainly wouldn't have if all had run. The bookies' claim that they lost a £75 million betting-shop turnover is romantic whimsy. The Tote has 160 betting shops off-course, mostly with high turnover in good town positions where ordinary bookmaking beting is roughly the same proportion as in the country's other betting shops, numbering nearly 9,000. Tote off-course betting-shop turnover included £600,000 of voided bets. Extrapolate that and the rest couldn't have had more than £35 million, not the fantasy Wodehouse claim of £75 million and astounding tales of £2 - £5 million lost in profits. The bookies were singularly lucky in the National not being run, and in the dramatic fall in betting on the last two races, won by favourites, while punters seethed over paybacks.

Captain Brown badly needed police protection as he walked to the weighing room through angry crowds cheated of the race which could and should have been run. His big clanger was not dispensing with the old-fangled and tangled tapes for the second start. It should have been by flag alone, or at the very least the horses should have been 15 yards behind the tapes to allow time for them to rise adequately. The next howler was down to the glorious British belief that if something has been done the same way for 150 years, there is no place for modern aids which make assurance double sure. A lone man with a red flag is in worse danger, and at greater risk of being a victim of human error, than the man carrying the flag along the track in front of Stephenson's first steam locomotive. Every professional organisation now has mobile telephones. Mr Evans and five or six other officials should have had them. Captain Brown could have rung them instantly to line the course with red flags. Alternatively, Aintree could have had electronically operated lights on both sides of the rails in front of the first jump. The starter could have pressed a button to set them flashing red.

The Jockey Club says trainers and owners were consulted over a re-run, and the majority thought it impractical. Would they have said the same if they had known that the *News of the World* and *The Sun* had offered on Saturday to double the prize money if there were a re-run? I doubt it. It wasn't a tragedy as when "Some one had blunder'd" and "Into the valley of Death / Rode the six hundred". It was a hilarious Wodehouse script which only the sporting, bowler-hatted British could devise for their own amusement and for that of the world. The 1994 National will be a spectacular success as double the numbers watch and bet, on tenterhooks.

Rothschild in the red

LORD Rothschild is planning to open what must surely be the ultimate farm shop — with a little help from his French cousins. A new shop being built in the basement of Waddesdon Manor, in Buckinghamshire, will sell Chateau-Lafite, the renowned first growth claret. The plan for the up-market off-licence is part of the massive restoration project now in progress at Waddesdon, which follows the £16 million restoration of Spencer House in St James's, Piccadilly.

Although Waddesdon has been owned by the National Trust since 1957, its restoration is being funded entirely by Rothschild, who owns the surrounding 5,000 acre estate.

The shop, due to open next year, will sell fine wines from the Domaines de Barons de Rothschild, a family owned holding company which owns shares in vineyards around the world, including Chateau-Lafite. Other parts of the basement will house Rothschild's private collection of 25,000 bottles of fine wine.

The family archives will be plundered for a display of documents and objects, such as original label designs by Francis Bacon, to illustrate the Rothschild connection with the first-growth wines. An Imperial of Lafite 1952, signed by the Prince and Princess of Wales and four prime ministers at a dinner in Spencer House last year, will be among them.

"It will be a gentlemen's wine cellar with three vaults containing the wine and a series of adjacent rooms," says Martine d'Anglejan, who is involved in the restoration. "We thought a straightforward wine museum would be a bit tacky. We will be selling things in boxes especially built for Waddesdon." Lafite in a box? Surely not.

● *Best Grand National prediction goes to Rob Harnett of Ladbrokes, who on Friday was looking forward with keen anticipation to 15 million punters having a flutter on the race. "The betting slips we will handle would stretch, end to end, from Aintree to London — and back." And back they all duly came yesterday.*

Betting slip

IT WASN'T only the loss of £6 million of betting tax from the Grand National which upset Norman Lamont. Rosemary, his wife, had £5 on Esha Ness, winner of the race that never was, at 66-1.

DIARY

The couple was staying with relatives in Yorkshire. After a lively discussion at the breakfast table Mrs Lamont loyally decided to put her money on Esha Ness when she discovered it was named after the dramatic sea cliffs in the Shetlands, where the Chancellor was born and bred.

Aghast at having missed out on a £300 jackpot, the Lamonts got into their car yesterday morning and drove to the bookmakers in Boston Spa to retrieve their stake money. But the bookmaker saw them coming. "Bad luck," he said. "But don't think you are going to get your £6 million from us." The Chancellor's wife, however, did get £5.50 back — she had paid her tax in advance.

Cock-a-hoops

NOTHING to do with the Princess Royal, of course, but residents at Dolphin Square, her new London home, have just had a croquet lawn added to their leisure facilities, which already include a heated swimming pool, gymnasium and tennis court. The first most residents in the 1,040 flats knew of the latest innovation was when they received letters this weekend from Tony Crawford, the general manager.

He is delighted. "The lawn is already laid in the gardens next to the Thames. We think there will be a good response from the tenants. We hope one day to be able to form a league."

It's not clear whether the princess, a formidable sportswoman, is a keen croquet player. Does she, for example, favour the use of a flamingo, like the Red Queen in *Alice in Wonderland*, or a mallet?



Gunners goner

Having just secured a second Wembley cup final place Arsenal has decided to put a section of its crowd up for sale. The club is selling its much-maligned North Stand mural, a 44 metre-long work of art which was put up to conceal building work on a new stand at Highbury. Most fans will be glad to see the back of it. The original displayed only white spectators, the artist seemingly oblivious of the multi-cultural make-up of the Arsenal team and fan club. There was a hasty touching up job after the predictable outcry.

Melvyn Bragg, a season ticket-holder, who was at Wembley on Sunday, and will be at both cup finals, was never a fan of the mural. "It's known as Muriel to the fans. I think we should send it to Tottenham, who we beat in the FA Cup semi-final, as a kind gesture. Or find a restaurant called the Hard Man Café and give it to them. Failing that, burn it in the middle of the pitch."

● *Once the Italians resorted to lamp posts in times of crisis, now they turn to humour. For instance ... a man parks his bike outside the house of Bettino Craxi, the former socialist leader. A policeman, noticing this, tells him he shouldn't leave it there. The man thanks the policeman for his solicitousness, but reassures him: "Don't worry. I've locked it."*

Ideas in train

ALAN Wilkinson's suggestion in yesterday's letters page that the new Waterloo international rail terminal should be turned into a "magnificent mausoleum" once the Channel tunnel trains are diverted to either St Pancras or King's Cross, highlights the uncertainty hanging over the magnificent building designed by Nicholas Grimshaw.

What will happen to it once the shuttle trains head for north London? Might it, perhaps, become a cultural hub for London's South Bank, in the same way the Musée d'Orsay, which itself served an apprenticeship as a railway station, has in Paris? Sir Roy Strong, art critic and former director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, suggests it should be turned into "the dance theatre that London so desperately needs to house the capital's ballet companies."

Others think the vaulted space would make an ideal museum or gallery. The Tate is looking for somewhere to house its modern art collection and the South Bank board wants a new home for the Hayward gallery. The two could be combined at Waterloo — as London's Wellington Museum, perhaps.

MR PATTEN'S TEST

The education secretary must manage change judiciously

Union intransigence and incompetent law-making have brought this summer's national curriculum tests to the brink of collapse. The National Association of School Masters/Union of Women Teachers is to boycott all assessments for seven, 11 and 14 year olds, while the larger and more radical National Union of Teachers will probably join the rebellion at its imminent annual conference. Thousands of pupils may be denied essential classroom qualifications.

Parents who imagined that their children would be protected from such cavalier action by the 1988 Education Reform Act were presumably as shocked as ministers by last Friday's High Court ruling that teachers had no statutory duty to test children. Mr Justice Mantell's judgment against Wandsworth Council may be overturned on appeal later this month. But it is extraordinary that Kenneth Baker, the former education secretary and architect of the 1988 act, left any room for doubt when defining teachers' legal responsibilities. Five years later, John Patten, the current education secretary, is reaping the grim rewards.

Testing is integral to the government's education reforms, enabling parents and teachers to assess pupils' progress and to compare the performance of similar schools. Last year's examination league tables, though unsophisticated, laid the foundations of a true information revolution in state education. But such a system is meaningless without a rigorous legal framework to ensure that schools teach the approved syllabus, test children accordingly and publish the results. To minimise this year's shambles, Mr Patten must formally remind head teachers and governors that their own legal responsibility to implement the curriculum has not been diminished by the antics of their staff. If necessary, he must also amend the 1988 act to give teachers a similar statutory duty.

The more delicate task ahead of Mr Patten is to restore battered confidence in the curriculum and assessments that his predecessors introduced. Since the election, ministers have concentrated too much upon the structural reform of the school system, smoothing the path of schools seeking to leave local authority control. Opting out may encourage diversity and autonomy, but it is not an educational panacea. A report last week by Ofsted, the schools inspectorate, revealed comparatively little academic difference between grant-maintained and council-controlled schools.

Parents are far more concerned about the standards their children achieve than about the managerial structures within which they are taught. They have every reason to be. Almost half of all 14-year-olds are expected to reach the standard of an 11-year-old or lower in this year's English tests, while a recent survey by the National Institute for Economic and Social Research indicated that Britain still lags shamefully behind its industrial competitors in the classroom.

Alarm at such statistics has secured cross-party support for the national curriculum. Yet the syllabus changes of the past five years have been bedevilled by all that is worst in the nation's education: union resistance, rows between quangos, and unnecessary bureaucracy. Teachers are wrong to sabotage the tests but they have every right to complain about the mountain of paperwork which has squandered their energies in recent years.

The new Schools Curriculum and Assessment Authority must undertake a thorough review of the curriculum with the aim of reducing rather than adding to this burden. That means limiting further the role of teacher assessment, using pencil and paper tests wherever possible and reducing the number of subjects in which pupils are examined. Seven-year-olds, for example, should only be tested in mathematics and English. Mr Patten has already shown himself to be receptive to such ideas. He must now strike the right balance between enforcement of the law and judicious change. That will be his own unenviable test.

BACK TO THE FRAY

Boris Yeltsin's future now lies in Russian hands

Dollars figured, and were intended to, in the headlines from Vancouver. But President Clinton's insistence that this was a summit not about aid but about a "new democratic partnership" was equally carefully tailored to Boris Yeltsin's domestic audience.

According to Mr Clinton, it was "the self-interest and high duty of all the world's democracies to stand by Russian reform in its hour of challenge". Mr Yeltsin ebulliently responded that, today at least, "there is no alternative to Yeltsin". But economic aid was presented in low-key terms as part of a bargain between businessmen, to deflect accusations back in Moscow that Mr Yeltsin has demeaned Russia by turning to the West.

However ingeniously tailored for early results, the American aid package can be no more than a catalyst: to improve morale among ordinary Russians and to galvanise America's allies to further efforts. That will be no easy task, but Mr Yeltsin's is harder still. If he is to stabilise Russian politics sufficiently to justify large-scale assistance, he must score a convincing political victory for Russia's reformers in the referendum scheduled for April 25.

Mr Yeltsin has been weakened by his two bruising confrontations with the Congress of People's Deputies, and by deepening popular disillusion with reforms. Even had the referendum been on Mr Yeltsin's own terms — a popular vote of confidence in his presidency and on constitutional reform — it would still have been a gamble. The congress has used its powers to frame the questions in Russian referendums to stack the odds against the president and his allies. Constitutional reform is off the agenda. Instead there will be four questions: on confidence in the president, in the economic reforms, and support for early presidential and parliamentary elections — at a date unspecified, rather than November this year as Mr Yeltsin had proposed.

The congress has also changed the rules: in theory at least, Mr Yeltsin is required to win the support of more than half of all registered voters, rather than 50 per cent of votes cast. This manoeuvre is a tacit acknowledgement by Mr Yeltsin's opponents that he remains by far the most popular politician in Russia, and can be defeated only by voter apathy.

Mr Yeltsin decided to fight on this hostile territory reluctantly, and only just before leaving for Vancouver. But on his return yesterday, he charged into the fray before reaching Moscow, stopping over in Siberia to urge his supporters to vote yes, without reservations, to all four questions — including presidential elections.

The indications are that the more determined Mr Yeltsin is to rest his fate with Russia's voters, the better his chances will be: the hustings are his natural hunting ground. A political victory on April 25 will not in itself assure Russian reform a future. The battles for power with the legislatures which have paralysed Russia's government would not end there. But defeat would still be a defeat for reform. The promise of Vancouver can only be realised in Russian voting booths. And there is only one question in fact: whether Russians agree that "there is no alternative to Yeltsin".

MAKING WAVES

The bathing public has a right to know how dirty the sea is

Everybody loves league tables except for those who find themselves at the bottom. The latest cries of "Unfair!" have come from those resorts that were excluded from the *Heinz Good Beach Guide*, published yesterday by the Marine Conservation Society. According to the MCS, some 70 resorts failed to meet basic EC standards of either water quality or beach hygiene. Sandown and Bournemouth are seeking a High Court injunction to prevent the sale of the guide.

They complain that thousands of jobs will be put at risk because of their exclusion from the guide. But that is precisely the point of making such information available. Economic pressure caused by holidaymakers boycotting dirty beaches should force these resorts to improve their standards. Such market pressure is more desirable than government regulation. Tourism is a private-sector industry, as responsive to pressures of supply and demand as any other.

The government has already insisted, as a condition of privatisation, that water companies invest in sewage treatment: £3 billion is now being spent in an attempt to ensure that every beach complies with the EC standards by 1995. Now it is up to the consumer to act. French resorts, under pressure from concerned holidaymakers, have seen a vast improvement in cleanliness: in 1980 only 56 per cent of sea water bathing spots met EC standards but by 1992 the figure was close to 90 per cent. The French environment ministry, together with its tourist board, issues a map detailing test results from 1,526 beaches and the figures are also available on Minitel, the computer every telephone subscriber is given instead of a phone book. Moreover, town halls are obliged to display the results as soon as they become available.

British consumers deserve no less. A casual glance at a beach will reveal stray tin cans or crisp wrappers. But only expert analysis can determine whether the sea water is polluted. Those who swim on British beaches have a right to know whether their health is endangered by untreated sewage being pumped into the water.

Instead they are faced with an array of confusing signals. The only uniform standard against which to judge sea pollution is that used across Europe by the EC. This benchmark is used by the MCS guide. But when EC standards were raised last year, and fewer British beaches won its blue flag accolade, the government's response was to invent a new award, organised by the Tidy Britain Group, allowing some beaches that failed EC standards to fly a flag of a different shade of blue.

Markets can only work properly if consumers have access to information. But the information must be accurate and standardised. This uniformity has already been ensured by the EC. Those resorts that do not meet European standards should not rely on the Tidy Britain Group to muddy the waters. They should clean up their act instead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dublin's claim to Northern Ireland

From Mr J. F. Q. Switzer

Sir, The two children killed by the Irish Republican Army in Warrington have been laid to rest. Have their murder and the brutal killing of Police Constable Goodman in Yorkshire last June perhaps brought home to us the anguish that our fellow countrymen and women have had to endure in Ulster for the past 24 years?

There, 290 police officers have been killed, 99 of them reservists like the courageous Mr Goodman; 439 regular soldiers have been killed, and 201 home-defence soldiers of what is now the Royal Irish Regiment. Then there are the civilian victims of terrorism — over 2,000 men, women and children dead and over 22,000 injured.

There has been much talk of the need for a political solution if there is to be an end to the bloodshed. A moment's thought makes it clear that compromise with the IRA is impossible. Only one solution would satisfy them: that is the withdrawal of the million British citizens from Northern Ireland — ethnic cleansing indeed. But there is a crucial political step that could be taken straightaway.

The objective of the IRA is to secure the territory of Northern Ireland, forcing it out of the United Kingdom and into an all-Ireland republic. This objective is entirely in accord with article 2 of the constitution of the present republic, which states that "the national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland". Moreover, in March 1990 the Dublin Supreme Court unanimously declared that "the re-integration of the national territory is a constitutional imperative". So the objective of the IRA is legitimised by the Irish constitution.

The new coalition government in Dublin is ambivalent about the territorial claims in the constitution. As you point out in your leading article of April 2, "The Irish Janus", less than a month after his Labour deputy leader, Dick Spring, indicated that the republic's constitutional claim to the north might soon be dropped, the Irish taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, has clearly endorsed the nationalist ambitions of the south. But Mr Reynolds emphasised that it was the people of the republic in a referendum who would decide whether to change the relevant articles.

We are told that a wave of revulsion has swept through Ireland following the killing of the children in Warrington. Let the Irish people now press for a referendum so that the irredentist articles can be deleted from the constitution. The IRA will then indeed have no standing, either in the Republic of Ireland or in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the way will be clear for wholehearted co-operation to deal with the terrorists.

If on the other hand the Dublin government refuses to remove the claim to British territory, at least we shall know where we and they stand.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. Q. SWITZER,
Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.
April 2.

No tears for Evita

From Mr Tim Rice

Sir, I was intrigued to read in Valerie Grove's fascinating interview (April 1) with Hal Prince, described as "the man who brought us Evita", that the words "Don't cry for me ..." engraved on the tomb of Eva Peron were "her (Evita's) words before they were Tim Rice's". It is of course possible that Eva Peron used those words at some time during her turbulent life, but I never came across any evidence of this during my research for *Evita* in 1973-4.

Furthermore, the body of Eva Peron was not even in her current resting place at this time. It arrived in Argentina from Europe on November 17, 1974, and remained in a crypt at the presidential residence in Olivos, just outside Buenos Aires, until October 1976, whence it was transferred to the Recoleta cemetery of Buenos Aires.

By that time Andrew Lloyd Webber and I had written *Evita* and brought it to Hal Prince, and indeed to a lot of other people around the world a month later, via the record album. Mr Prince's magnificent production of the work followed nearly two years after the success of the recording.

I am not of course accusing any Argentine tomb-engravers of plagiarism.

Yours faithfully,
TIM RICE,
145 Portland Road, W11.
April 2.

Royal sailor

From Mr Gerard Noel

Sir, Your excellent obituary of Don Juan de Borbon y Battenberg (April 2) mentions that his wish to continue in the Royal Navy, after leaving the Spanish navy on the coming of the republic "was thwarted by ... Ramsay Macdonald". He did, nevertheless, become a British naval officer for a short time, seeing service in the Indian Ocean. Indeed, one of his proudest boasts, all his life, was that he had once been a "British sailor"; and, in 1987 the Queen made him an honorary admiral in the Royal Navy.

Yours faithfully,
GERARD NOEL,
White's, St James's, SW1.

Measures to prevent cot deaths

From Sir Peter Froggatt

Sir, The dramatic reduction in sudden infant death syndrome, known as Sids (report, March 30), follows the concerted campaign launched in October 1991 by the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths and Anne Diamond, and in December that year by the Department of Health.

The foundation prepared and distributed over 700,000 pamphlets, the basis of the department's advice, representing a rewarding outcome of 21 years of research with funds raised almost entirely by bereaved parents.

It was only in June 1991 that preliminary findings from independent studies indicated that advice on sleeping position was effective and this change in practice was accompanied by a reduction in cot death.

The present advice to put babies to sleep on their backs among other things, though apparently reducing these tragic deaths, will not eliminate them. There are almost certainly other relevant factors, and continued research remains a vital need.

The foundation, which was started in 1971 by a bereaved grandparent, will continue to fund research and promote the message to ensure that effective advice is known to all health professionals and parents-to-be.

Yours faithfully,
PETER FROGGATT
(Former Chairman, Scientific Advisory Committee),
The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths,
35 Belgrave Square, SW1.
April 2.

From Dr David J. Begley

Sir, I was dismayed to read Mr Major in parliamentary question time, and reported in "Around the Lobby" (March 31), congratulating Anne Diamond for her campaign and its part in reducing the incidence of cot death.

I do not wish to belittle Miss Diamond's excellent work in this area, and the congratulations are deserved: but I have seen no mention by the prime minister of the people who applied for (and won) the research grant, did the hard work, statistically analysed the results, and wrote up and published the findings — e.g., the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths and recent work by scientists in New Zealand (letter, March 24).

In none of the recent public pronouncements have I heard these names mentioned or their work referred to. No wonder that scientists, doctors and university research workers feel undervalued.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID J. BEGLEY,
King's College London,
Biomedical Sciences Division,
Strand, WC2.
March 31.

From Lady Sinclair

Sir, When my first child was born in Calcutta in 1949 I was instructed to put her on her alternate sides after each of her five daily feeds. A little sticking plaster kept her ear lobes down!

I did this with each of my other three babies, finding that on the tummy or back they could swallow, dribble or be sick. My grandchildren, too, have been laid naturally on their sides. It is tragic that others were told differently.

Yours faithfully,
MARY V. SINCLAIR,
Carlton Rookery,
Saxmundham, Suffolk.
March 30.

From Dr R. R. Gordon

Sir, The number of cot deaths in England and Wales, having risen from 1,304 to 1,382 between 1986 and 1988, fell gradually to 880 in 1991 and then dramatically to 440 in 1992.

I am not alone in believing that the earlier, gradual fall was due to word-of-mouth advice given out by midwives and health visitors, on the basis of "if there is any chance of it being true then take it. At least it can do no harm".

Yours,
R. R. GORDON,
Gosfield Hall,
Nr Halstead, Essex.
March 30.

English Heritage plans

From Mr Harvey Sheldon

Sir, In common with the Committee for the Future of London's Architectural Heritage and many other organisations, my society is deeply worried by what is going on at English Heritage's London division (letters, March 29).

Surely it is wrong to allow the powers and responsibilities over London's listed buildings to be dispersed from a specialist body empowered to look after the capital's historic environment to more than 30 separate local authorities with widely different philosophies, priorities and financial means.

Why is the solution which was regarded as correct as recently as 1986, and for which incidentally the government provides annual moneys to English Heritage, now no longer appropriate? Apart from start-up payments it seems unlikely that English Heritage will give up these funds along with the responsibilities which it seems so anxious to shed.

The Secretary of State for National Heritage should set up an independent enquiry, which should establish whether or not these proposals are in London's best interests. While this is taking place changes should be suspended to prevent irreparable damage being done.

Yours faithfully,
HARVEY SHELDON
(President, London and Middlesex Archaeological Society),
112 Oglander Road, SE15.
April 1.

From Mr Martin Duncan-Jones

Sir, The hiving off of four historic houses and the purchase of a Boucher painting for the Iveagh Bequest, cited by Mr George Levy (letter, March 29) in defence of current policies at English Heritage, will, I suspect, create alarm rather than the reassurance Mr Levy intends.

The foreword to the excellent series of technical handbooks on building conservation, published by English Heritage (Gower Press, 1988), states that "its duties ... relate to ancient monuments, historic buildings, conservation areas, historic gardens and archaeology", and that "the Commission is ... concerned with protecting, and preserving the architectural and archaeological heritage of England".

The discovery that a presumably substantial sum has been spent on acquiring the painting by "private arrangement with the owner" for reasons of decorative symmetry at a time when funds for basic building repairs are scarce is a blow to those of us privileged to earn our living by repairing old buildings.

It is also a blow to all those by whom, through tax, personal membership or admission charges, English Heritage is funded, as well as to its devoted staff, and it should be regarded as a subversion of that body's purpose.

To learn that certain "showcase" London houses will not be hived off does not create confidence: such things should be unthinkable in any case.

English Heritage's duty is surely to safeguard those significant but possibly obscure sites which might not otherwise find a protector, rather than to accept hollow praise for defending what is not in danger.

Yours faithfully,
M. O. DUNCAN-JONES,
120 James Lane, E10.
March 31.

Yeltsin inheritance

From Mr Jeremy M. Noble

Sir, As a long-term resident of St Petersburg I should like to add to Dr D. G. Guild's letter (March 29) on the personal concerns of the old Soviet *nomenklatura* still sitting in the Russian Congress. Members of the Russian parliament are drawn in rotation from the full Congress and are then entitled to the perks that go with the job; they can buy their centrally located Moscow apartments at a much-subsidised price, arrange the entrance of their children to élite institutes of higher education, and receive a host of perks almost impossible for ordinary Russians.

Perhaps the recipe for a rapid end to the somewhat theatrical proceedings of the Congress is for Mr Yeltsin to decree to all his opponents the only reason they are there. They could take their money, retire to their *dachas*, and leave Mr Yeltsin, isolated in the Kremlin, to run the country.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY M. NOBLE,
Apartment 8, 28 Ulitsa Furmanova,
191028 St Petersburg, Russia.

British Oscars

From Mr Alexander de Grunwald

Sir, How sad it is that the British film industry, requiring as much publicity as possible to help save it, should not have been credited with the fact that an Oscar was presented to a British sound-mixer (recordist) in your front-page report of the awards (March 31), which spoke of only five Oscars, not six.

The sound mixer is the key sound technician whose contribution to the production allows his colleagues to make their contributions in the post-production stage.

Without the mixer having recorded a good sound track at the most critical stage of the movie-making process his colleagues' chances of winning the "sound" Oscar would have been greatly reduced.

Thus praise is due to Simon Kaye, the British sound-mixer on *The Last of the Mohicans*, who was briefly listed in your inside-page report and was one of a group of four.

This is the second time he has received the Oscar, having previously done so on *Platoon*.

Yours faithfully,
A. de GRUNWALD
(Film producer),
4 Howley Place, W2.
March 31.

Grand debate on the National

From Mr Rodney J. Croft

Sir, When Scouts were taught semaphore many years ago they were instructed to ensure flags remained unfurled during signalling.

Those of us watching the Grand National débâcle on television on Saturday clearly saw the first false start called by the starter, Captain Keith Brown, successfully communicated to the recall man, 100 yards away, by a red unfurled flag, despite reduced visibility owing to rain.

The second false start involved exactly the same communication between the same two people. However, as television viewers clearly saw, the signal this time was inadequately conveyed as the red flag was held firmly furled in the starter's waving hand. Perhaps Captain Brown was never a Scout, and I rather hope he is not lately of the Royal Signals!

To avoid such a disgraceful national and Grand National shambles in the future, please let us discard soggy starting tapes, flags, even discount Aldis lamps and flares, and use a combination of Grand Prix-like motoring traffic lights for starting and stopping horses and riders, supported by modern and reliable radio telecommunication between race officials.

In 1993 surely 100 yards is not too far to convey instantly such a vital message.

Yours sincerely,
RODNEY J. CROFT
(Family sweepstake declared void),
127 Queens Road,
Buckhurst Hill, Essex.
April 4.

From Mr Claude R. Hart

Sir, Saturday's occurrence at Aintree has already led to the cry for more control, more electronic gadgetry, more dehumanisation of the race.

For many people the pleasure of national hunt racing is the fact that it recalls the pleasures of a bygone age. The anachronistic 19th-century style, whether of a local point-to-point or the Grand National, is one of the sport's many attractions.

Let us not, because of one incident, ruin the rather relaxed, even gentlemanly style enjoyed by many regular followers of the sport.

Yours sincerely,
CLAUDE R. HART,
6 Egdean Walk, Sevenoaks, Kent.
April 5.

From Mr Nigel J. Hill

Sir, As the horses relentlessly pursued their race to a pointless finish I pondered how they might have been stopped. Any person waving a red flag, whether or not a steward in trench coat and trilby, could have been perceived by the jockeys as an impostor. Any radio or visual signal could have been bogus.

Surely what was needed was a single steward on horseback. An impostor, though hardly credible, would be quickly challenged by the genuine steward on horseback.

In any event, it would be considerably safer than running across wet grass in the path of several horses at full gallop.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL J. HILL,
32 Colebrooke Avenue, Ealing, W13.

From Mr David F. Hill

Sir, For a lover of national hunt racing Saturday's events at Aintree were an embarrassment and deeply depressing. All of us involved in racing, whether administrators or simple followers, need to consider if tradition should continue to retain a higher status than advancement through change.

I hope, too, that those who feel they are furthering animal rights will re-examine whether the creation of confusion, potentially putting human and animal life at risk, be it at the Grand National or at a hunt at Waresley ("Teenager killed at hunt protest", report, April 5), is an appropriate advancement of the cause they seek to promote.

Yours faithfully,
D. F. HILL,
10 Rusthall Avenue, W4.

From Mr Piers Wooley

Sir, As betting on racing is accepted as a risk, rather than return the £75 million to the punters, would it not be appropriate for the money to be donated by the bookies to the Injured Jockeys' Fund and the Stable Lads' Welfare Trust?

Were it not for them, there would be no racing, so this gesture would be a sign of gratitude from the betting fraternity, public and bookies alike.

Yours faithfully,
PIERS WOOLEY,
88 Helix Road, SW2.
April 5.

From Mr John N. Brown

Sir, I trust that the starter of the forthcoming London Marathon will show due care and skill in the execution of his duty.

I shall be running. It would be particularly galling to find, after completing the course, that the event had been declared void. Would I have personal liability for the not inconsiderable weight of sponsorship?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BROWN,
6 White Cross Road,
Haddenham, Buckinghamshire.
April 5.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 5: The Duke of York, Patron, gave a Reception for Weston Spirit at Sunninghill Park, Ascot, Berkshire, this evening.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 5: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning took the salute at the Formation Parade for The Royal Logistics Corps at The Princess Royal Barracks Blackdown, Deepcut, Surrey, and was received by the Representative Colonel Commandant (Major-General Colin Carrington).

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the newly named The Princess Royal Barracks Blackdown, later joining members of the Headquarters' Sergeants' Mess for Luncheon at the Barracks.

The Princess Royal this evening attended a Dinner with Officers of The Royal Logistics Corps at the Headquarters' Officers' Mess.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 5: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, the Parachute Regiment, this morning visited the 2nd Battalion at Stanford, Norfolk.

Commander Robert Fraser RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 5: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Mr John Lowther, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, at the Funeral of Lord de Ramsey, formerly Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Huntingdon and Peterborough, which was held in the Church of St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey, this morning.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 3: The Duke of Kent, President, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Amman, Jordan. Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 5: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, Guards Polo Club, this evening attended a dinner at the Waterside Inn, Bray.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr James Crowden, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, at the Funeral of the Lord de Ramsey, formerly Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Huntingdon and Peterborough, which was held in the Church of St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey, this morning.

Lord Frederick Windsor

Lord Frederick Windsor is 14 today.

Birthdays today

Mr Franta Belsky, sculptor, 72; Miss Joan Bernard, former principal, Trevelyan College, Durham, 75; Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, trades unionist, 48; Miss Joan Carlyle, soprano, 62; Mr Bernard Carter, painter and etcher, 73; Mr Harry Conroy, former trades unionist, 50; Mr Paul Daniels, magician, 55; Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, 83; Mr Julian Faber, former chairman, Willis Faber, 76; Mr Willis Hall, writer, 64; Dr David Ingram, vice-chancellor, University of Kent at Canterbury, 66; Mr Justice Knox, 68; the Duke of Montrose, 58; Lord Moore of Wolvercote, 72; the Rev. Ian Paisley MP, 67; Miss Felicity Palmer, mezzo-soprano, 49; Mr André Previn, conductor, 64; Sir Marcus Worsley, Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, 68.

Dinner

Company of Watermen and Lightermen

Alderman Sir Alexander Graham, Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Roger Cork, was the principal guest at a dinner given by the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Mr A.T. Woods, Master, presided, assisted by Mr P.D.T. Roberts, Senior Warden, Mr A.H. Howard, Mr J.K. Badcock and Mr D. Allen, Junior Wardens. Sir Alexander, Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, and Mr Allen also spoke.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the renovated premises of the Windsor Methodist Church at 3.00.

The Queen Mother will name a British Rail locomotive at Euston station at noon to mark the centenary of the Girls' Brigade.

The Princess of Wales will attend the Health of the Nation conference on mental health at the West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds, at 11.43.

The Duke of York will attend the Young Electronic Designer awards ceremony at the Science Museum at 7.30.

The Princess Royal will attend the National Federation of Women's Institutes/National Farmers' Union conference on "Caring in the Countryside" at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, at 10.15; and, as Chancellor of London University, will attend the Conference of Registrars and Secretaries Conference dinner at King's College at 7.15.

The Duchess of Kent will represent The Queen at the Lord High Admiral's Divisions at Britannia RN College, Dartmouth, at 10.50.

People and Places

"Glamorous Life", a soirée in the People and Places series marking the life and times of Ivor Novello, will be held at the Waldorf Hotel, London, on Thursday, May 6, in aid of Stars Organisation Supporting Action for People with Cerebral Palsy. Tickets and further information are available from Mrs Iris Banham-Lee, President, People and Places. Telephone 0747 860136.

TONY WHITE



Soldier boy: a six-year-old trying a copy of a pikeman's helmet which contributed £460 to a £172,000 sale of military items yesterday at Sotheby's, West Sussex

Lincoln's Inn

Major Awards 1993

Scholarships

Denning Scholarships: P Acland, University Coll, London; J Crawford, Emmanuel, Cambridge; M Sheehan, Oriel, Oxford.

Kennedy Scholarships: S Clover, Merton, Oxford; B Molyneux, Christ Church, Oxford.

Cassel Scholarships: P Tiwana, Wolverhampton Poly; S Lal, University Coll, London; G Mead, Brasenose, Oxford.

Shelford Scholarships: M-C Bleasdale, Queen's, Cambridge; J Kent, New, Oxford.

Droop Scholarships: D Barnett, Leeds Univ; M Wagstaf, Univ of East Anglia.

Walter Wigglesworth Scholarship: T Otley, Durham Univ.

Eastham Scholarship: L Roberts, St Catherine's, Oxford.

Megarry Scholarships: S Chaudhry, North London Poly; J Hilsdon, Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Hubert Greenland Scholarships: D Taylor, Robinson, Cambridge; Y Zafar, Wadham, Oxford.

Levitt Scholarship: M Wilson, Leeds Univ.

Sir Thomas More Bursaries:

M Grant, Reading Univ; F Davidson, Huddersfield Poly; M Harper, Downing, Cambridge; M Hayton, St Anne's, Oxford; I Philliskirk, University Coll, London; E Pound, Robinson, Cambridge; D Tappin, South Bank Poly; A Verduyn, Durham Univ; K Barry, Sheffield Univ; J Bowen, Jesus, Cambridge; N Briggs, Bristol Poly; N Cole, Birmingham Univ; S McDonald, Sussex Univ; K Monteith, Essex Univ; M Napper, Birmingham Univ; M Nicklin, Newcastle Univ; R Pates, UCW, Cardiff; L Peter, Poly of Central London; J Hankins, Leicester Univ; D Blayney, Lincoln, Oxford; C Row, Portsmouth Poly; R Plan, St John's, Oxford; J Wakefield, Keele Univ; T McLevy, Liverpool Poly.

Upjohn Award: M Upson, Leicester Poly.

Hardwicke Entrance Scholarships Awarded Hilary Term 1993: S S Choongh, Warwick Univ & Trinity, Oxford; D A Hoffman, University Coll, Oxford; D Lightman, Magdalen, Oxford; E Nourse, Magdalen, Oxford; S Sahedo, Keble, Oxford; P S Tiwana, Wolverhampton Univ; S Agha, UCW Aberystwyth; N Atreya, King's, London; J Chesser, Warwick Univ; D Field, Trinity Hall, Cambridge; C Jones, Lancaster Univ; G Stapleton, Hull Univ; S Trafalgar-Phillips, Oriel, Oxford; E Willmot, Merton, Oxford; J P Walton, Christ Church, Oxford; S Hampton, Magdalene, Cambridge.

Legal appointments

Sarah Meredith Bowman to be a district judge of the Principal Registry of the Family Division.

David James Shannon to be joint district judge for the districts of the Manchester, Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Altrincham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport and Tameside County Courts; and in the district registry of the High Court at Manchester, Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Stockport.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.R. Barclay
and Miss N.J. Lefever
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Barclay, of Painswick, Gloucestershire, and Nicola, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Lefever, of South Kensington, London.

Mr Q.J. Davies
and Miss A.M.C. Gibbs
The engagement is announced between Quintin, son of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Davies, and Arabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gibbs, of 19 Caroline Place, London, W2.

Mr J.E. Nugent
and Miss A.R.H. Kendall
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of the late Mr T.W. Nugent and of Mrs E. Nugent, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Rosemary, youngest daughter of Mr and Professor J.P.H. Kendall, of Pitle Hall, Suffolk.

Mr S.J. Batten
and Miss J.C. Priestley
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Audrey and Jack Batten, of Crawley, West Sussex, and Jane, daughter of Audrey and Leslie Priestley, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr P.J. van Grutten
and Miss F.L. Birkett
The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of the late Mr John van Grutten and of Dr Mary van Grutten, of Wrotham, Kent, and Fiona, eldest daughter of the late Mr Dion Birkett and of Mrs Dion Birkett, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

Mr A.H. Morley
and Miss R. Croom-Johnson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Morley, of Cresskill, New Jersey, USA, and Rosanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Croom-Johnson, of Chipstead, Surrey.

The Royal Logistic Corps

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Logistic Corps, took the salute at the Formation Parade of the Corps at The Princess Royal Barracks, Blackdown, yesterday. She was attended by Major General C.E.G. Carrington, Representative Colonel Commandant, and Colonel C.M. Lake, Regimental Colonel. The host for the day was Major General D.L. Burden, Director General Logistic Support (Army). After the Parade and before lunching with members of the Headquarters Sergeants' Mess, the Colonel-in-Chief opened the newly named Princess Royal Barracks and visited The Royal Logistic Corps Regimental Museum.

In the afternoon, The Princess Royal visited a display representing the roles of the new Corps and talked with servicemen and women and their families before opening the Regimental Headquarters and taking tea with the Colonels Commandant. In the evening she dined with the Officers in the Headquarters Officers' Mess.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir William Temple, statesman, London, 1628; Jean Baptiste Rousseau, poet, Paris, 1671; Maximilien de Robespierre, French Revolution leader, Arras, 1758; James Mill, utilitarian philosopher, Logieport, near Montrose, 1773; Alexander Herzen, writer and socialist, Moscow, 1812; Harry Houdini, escapologist, Appleton, Wisconsin, 1874; Anthony Herman Fokker, aviator, aircraft designer and manufacturer, Kederi, Java, 1890.

DEATHS: Raphael, painter, Rome, 1520; Albrecht Dürer, painter and engraver, Nuremberg, 1528; Sir Francis Walsingham, statesman, London, 1590; John Stow, antiquary, London, 1605; Sir William Hamilton, diplomat and archaeologist, London, 1803; Giovanni Pascoli, poet, Bologna, 1912; Edwin Arlington Robinson, poet, New York, 1935; Sir Seymour Hicks, Fleet, Hampshire, 1949; Jules Bordet, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1919, Brussels, 1961; Igor Stravinsky, composer, New York, 1971.

Robert Peary arrived at the North Pole, 1909.

The United States declared war on Germany, 1917.

Dinner

Feltmakers' Company

Mr Brian Burgess, Master of the Feltmakers' Company, presided at the Spring livery dinner held last night at Vintners' Hall. Mr Sam Wanamaker was guest speaker. The Master of the Leathersellers' Company and the Master of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards were among other guests.

Dr Allen Percival, CBE

A Celebration of the life of Allen Percival will take place at noon on Friday, April 23, at Wesley's Chapel, London, EC1. All are welcome, but please notify the Musicians' Benevolent Fund (071 636 4481) if you wish to attend.

The Chartered Institute of Building

The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) announces that the following members have transferred to the Fellow class and are entitled to use the designation FCIOB: S J Allery, Camberley; J A Arrowsmith, Cheam; J Apsley, West Wickham; P N Barrett, Hong Kong; P D Blundell, Sydney, Australia; D F Borrie, Wallington; R H Brewer, Rowlands Castle; B Butterworth, Walthamstow; H S Chapman, Liverpool; J M Chetcuti, Newport, Gwent; M J D Coyle, Bridgend, W Lothian; M A Crivelli, Worcester; M W Davies, Sulgrave; C J Fellows, Esher; P R A Gilmore, Stratford-upon-Avon; D R Goodwin, Coventry; C Grisenthwaite, Boston Spa; D Hall, Harpenden; T R Hampton, Dromore, Co Down; M Hawkyard, Wirral; J M Higgins, Eynsford; C L Hill, Chiswick; Ho On-Sing Thomas, Hong Kong; A M Houghton, East Grinstead; J L Jarvis, Crowthorne; P J Kelly, Wotton-under-Edge; D M Langford, Glasgow; I M Lawson, Compton Shefford; J C Marchant, Hemel Hempstead; R Martindale, Bristol; C Mawson, Preston; A J Miles, Cardiff; R J Moulding, Westbury-on-Trym; T P Muncaster, Cheam; D M Parratt, Worthing; B Rowlands, USA; P J Royal, Smallfield, Surrey; P K Smith, Camberley; R D Smith, France; K M Tait, Edinburgh; Tam Chi Ming, Hong Kong; C D Tayner, Australia; R Tiller, Greenford; R B Wakelam, Coventry; M T Wood, Sutton Coldfield.

Horace offers an ode to meaning

By Philip Howard

AN OLD poet met the new school of literary criticism yesterday and escaped with his magic intact. This year is reckoned to be the 2000th anniversary of the death of Horace and the Classical Association is concentrating on Horace at its annual meeting at University College, Durham, this week.

In the opening lecture, Professor Robin Nisbet, the Corpus Christi professor of Latin at Oxford until last year, discussed ambiguity in the Protean poet. Modern critics would call Horace polysemous or even pansemous. They find more overlapping meanings in him than puns in James Joyce.

Professor Nisbet is the great scholar of Horacian studies. A generation ago critics went hunting for a single meaning in a passage of Horace. Was a poem about a mountain covered with snow or a metaphor for old age? This approach is called simplistic or reductive today. It is agreed that a passage can have multiple meanings.

But some up-to-date critics go further. They refuse even to talk about a poet's intentions and even say that no interpretation is more valid than any other. When Horace is writing about a ship in trouble at sea, does he mean a real ship, a political ship, a woman, a book of his poetry, or Horace's life?

These days the trendy reply is that the poem is probably not about a football match. But it carries all the meanings that have since been attributed to it. And Horace was aware of them when he was writing. He was composing an open-ended cryptogram for critics to do their displayed dances around.

Professor Nisbet deplores the doctrine, taken from English studies, that a poem means anything that now appears in the eye of the beholder. This makes scholarship pointless and is a meaningless definition of meanings.

The poetry of the Augustan period is rich with subtle associations. These will be slightly different for different readers, so that it is not always possible to define them exhaustively.

But it is a curious modern motion that no speculation that flits across a critics busy mind need ever be rejected.

On the contrary, Professor Nisbet argued, it diminishes a poem to see irrelevant complications. A scholar's job is to block out extraneous associations, as if they were background noises that must not be allowed to interfere with our conversation with the author.

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Let us strive to know the Lord, whose coming is as sure as the sunrise. He will come to us like the rain, like spring rains that water the earth. Hosea 6 : 3

BIRTHS

AUBERTIN - On Palm Sunday early morning at The Portland Hospital, Nicolas, a big boy is born, his parents are delighted, Christine (née Gilibert) and Olivier.

BARLOW - On April 4th, to Sarah (née Nobes) and William, a son, John William.

COWPER-COLES - On 25th March 1993, to Ann and Philip, a daughter, Emily Geertruida, a sister for Isobel.

EDWARDS - On March 30th, to Caroline (nee Wenborn) and Mark, a daughter, Harriet Victoria Tassler.

FESEMEYER - To Michael and Karen (nee Shuttleworth) on April 1st, a son, James Michael

FRANCIS - On March 27th, to Victoria (nee Gillum-Webb), wife of Andrew Francis, a son, Hugo and a daughter, Charlotte.

GORE - On April 2nd 1993, in Budapest, to Katie (nee Ambler) and Christopher, a daughter, Helena Lucia (Lucy).

HAMMERTON - On March 30th, to Vanessa (née Rumbold) and Alastair, a son, George Robin

HOWARTH - On 1st April at The Portland Hospital, to Lucy (née McGonagle) and Richard, a gorgeous son, Tristan Richard William Alan - Nobody's fool!

KENDALL - On March 26th, to Niamh (nee de'Paor) and Stephen, a daughter, Yasmin Rebecca Ashling, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

KLEIN - On 3rd April, at The Portland Hospital, to Deborah and Jonathan, a second son, Adam Louis, a brother for Alexander.

McMILLAN - On 3rd April, a beautiful daughter to Gina and Vincent, and sister to Nelson.

MORSE - On April 3rd, to Catherine (née Garrett) and Keith, a daughter, Laura Jane

OFFER - On April 1st 1993, to Lucy (nee Unwin) and Timothy, a son, James Henry Miles, a brother to George.

RANNISEN - On April 4th, to Nicola (née Abell) and Ben, a son, Max George Hesketh.

SLYNN - On 4th April 1993, to Nicola (née O'Ferrall) and Richard, a son, Jeremy Frederick Gordon.

BIRTHS

SMITH - On April 5th at St Helier's, Carshalton, to Helen (nee Hermanstein) and Derek, a son, Adam Charles Fearnley, a brother for Charlotte, Lydia and Sarah.

STENHOUSE - On 30th March, to Dawn (née Hives) and Jack, a daughter, Elizabeth Maitland, a sister for Catriona.

STOCKWELL - On April 3rd, to Alison (nee King) and Robert, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth

THOMPSON - On 4th April at Cedars Sinai Hospital, Los Angeles, to Christina (née Robert) and Barnaby, a son, Preston

TIMBRELL - On March 2nd, to Elizabeth (nee Jutsum) and Mark, a daughter, Lydia Louise, two months premature, now safely home. A sister for Emily.

VARMA - On March 31st 1993 at Mountain View, California, to Louise (née Thorpe) and Prab, a son, Joshua, a brother for Alice.

DEATHS

ABBOTT - Patrick (Pat), peacefully at home in Paris on 2nd April 1993, aged 76.

ATKIN - On 2nd April, in The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, Jessie in her 84th year, dearly beloved wife of Cecil and mother of Tony and Edna. Cremation at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Thursday 8th April at 3.15pm. Flowers to Masters & Son, 4 Dennans Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex, RH16 2LB (0444) 482107.

BENNELL - At Murrayfield Nursing Home, Edinburgh, peacefully, after a long illness, on April 3rd 1993, Lorna, wife of the late Donald George, mother of Jane and Elizabeth.

BISCOE - On 3rd April 1993 at The Doctors House, Stithians, Truro, Agnes Louise aged 89 years, of Jersey. Funeral at Penmount Crematorium, Truro, on Thursday 8th April at 3 pm.

BOLLAND - On April 3rd 1993, peacefully in hospital after a brief illness, His Honour Judge John Bolland of Lancing, formerly of Shoreham and London. Father of Anthony, grandfather of Dominic, stepfather of Graham and Celia. Sadly missed by all. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Wednesday April 7th at 9 am. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd., tel: (0903) 234516

DEATHS

CARR - On 3rd April 1993, peacefully at Ashley, New Milton, Hampshire, Formerly of Takeley, Essex, Doris Mary (Dorothy) aged 86 years. Beloved wife of the late Philip, much loved mother of Peter and Christopher and a dear grandma. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Takeley, on Thursday 8th April at 12 noon followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for Fern Street Settlement c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

CATTO - On Friday 2nd April, at Chilton House Nursing Home, Ruth Hiltyer, dearly beloved wife of the late Richard (Dick) Catto and much loved mother of Anne and Judith. Funeral at St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, Headington, on Wednesday 7th April at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished for The Salvation Army to be sent to W. F. J. Wilson Funeral Director, Greenways, Haddenham, Bucks., HP17 8BJ

DICKINSON - (née Hill) Mary Josephine, passed away peacefully on Tuesday 30th March 1993, at Highlands Hospital aged 84 years. Funeral Mass on Wednesday 7th April at noon, Holy Trinity Church, Winchmore Hill. Much loved mother of Robert and Pauline, will be greatly missed

CHARLTON - On 4th April 1993, peacefully, Margaret Elizabeth, widow of Jack Charlton, mother of Diana, Monica and Clare. Funeral Service at St Matthias Church, Richmond, 1.30 pm on Thursday 8th April followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Evershed Brothers Ltd., (081) 874-1781 or donations to Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton.

DUGMORE - On April 2nd, peacefully in Windermere, John William Radclyffe, Lt. Col. (late R.O.Y.L.I.), aged 88. Beloved husband of Cicely, dear father of Janet and Bill and devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. Requiem Mass at Boarbank Hall Chapel, Grange-over-Sands, on Wednesday 7th April at 10.30 am.

DEATHS

EDMONDS - Katharine Margaret of Ponteland (formerly of Zimbabwe) peacefully in hospital on April 4th in her 93rd year. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Stamfordham, at 3.15 pm on Thursday April 8th followed by cremation. Family flowers only but if wished donations to U.S.P.G. Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8XA. Enquiries to John Bardgett & Sons (091) 273-9292.

ELWORTHY - On 4th April, peacefully in Christchurch, New Zealand, Sam, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Elworthy K.G. Devoted husband of the late Audrey Elworthy and father of Tim, Anthony, Christopher and Clare. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Timaru, New Zealand. Thanksgiving Service in England at a later date.

EVANS - On April 2nd 1993, suddenly, Trevor Edward, aged 57 years, dearly loved husband of Jean and much loved father of Steven and Lee and grandfather of Alex. He will be greatly missed by his family, especially his brother John, and friends. Funeral Service Thursday April 8th at 2 pm at East Cliff United Reformed Church, Bournemouth, followed by interment at Christchurch Cemetery. Family flowers only by request, but donations for Royal Bournemouth Hospital may be sent to Derek Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.

FASSAM - On 30th March 1993, David Charles, aged 57 years. Devoted husband to Anita and father to Mark and Andrew, Manager of National Westminster Bank, Bethanal Green Road Branch. Funeral Service to be held at St Andrew's Parish Church, Hornchurch, on Thursday 8th April 1993 at 12 midday, followed by a committal service at the South Essex Crematorium. Donations may be made to The Royal London Hospital Special Trustees, 34 Newark Street, London E1 2AA, dedicated in memory of David Fassam for the benefit of the Trauma Unit. All enquiries to Frank Rivett and Sons Ltd. (0708) 223511.

DEATHS

FENN-SMITH - On April 4th 1993, peacefully at The Laurels, Poole, Gurth Kemp, veterinary surgeon, aged 96, beloved husband of Mary, dearly loved father of Gay, Clive and Virginia, grandfather of Charlie, Piers, Gavin, Peregrine, Emma, Oliver, Catherine and Edward (Woody), great-grandfather of Jilsa and Sarah-Jane. Cremation at Poole Crematorium on Thursday April 8th at 4.30pm. Donations for the Salvation Army to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Poole, BH15 2PG.

GALLETLY - On 4th April 1993, John Alexander (Alistair) M.A., M.B., B.Chir. (Camb), D.P.H., aged 94 years. Formerly General Practitioner and M.O.H. of Bourne Lincolnshire. Much loved uncle and great-uncle. Funeral Service at Bourne Abbey Church on Thursday April 8th at 12 noon. For further details please contact T.R. Carlton Funeral Directors, Bourne, tel: (0778) 422240

GORE - On April 2nd, Grace Muriel, a much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium on Tuesday April 20th at 10 am. Details from Lodge Brothers (0895) 272212. Memorial Service to be announced later.

GREEN - Frank - (1925-1993), Untimely and undeserved demise of Mr "Wardour Street". Peacefully in his sleep after a long illness. Cremation Wednesday 7th April 3.30, City of London Cemetery, Manor Park, E12. Sadly missed by the many that really cared. His word was his bond.

HANCOCK - Flora Margaret, peacefully at Manor Nursing Home, Bishops Hull, on April 1st aged 97. Funeral Service at Taunton Deane Crematorium April 14th at 3pm. Memorial Service, St John's Church, Eastnor, April 16th at 3 pm

HARDY - On 4th April, peacefully after a short illness, Eva (née Hodson) in her 92nd year, formerly of Curlew House, Sandwich, widow of Rev. Charles Hardy, beloved mother of John and Robert and grandmother of Melinda, Susan, Kate, Caroline and James. Funeral at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells, at 3 pm on Wednesday 14th April. Flowers to W Hodges & Co, Sevenoaks, tel: (0732) 454487 or donations to The Childrens Society.

DEATHS

HICKSON - Jane Margaret Amy on March 29th 1993 aged 88, Widow of Geoffrey Fletcher Hickson, Mother of James, Priscilla and Peter.

HUNT - On 1st April, peacefully, John William aged 79. The very dearly loved husband of the late Beryl, father of Christina and Beverley, grandfather of Katharine, Thomas, Samuel and Oliver. Service is arranged at Southend Crematorium at 3 pm on Wednesday 7th April. Donations if desired to The Macmillan Nurses Fund.

JOHNSON - On April 1st in Hospital, Hayman Johnson, aged 80. Archdeacon Emeritus of Sheffield and formerly chaplain to HM The Queen. Husband of Margaret, father of Lin and grandfather of Kate and Anna. Funeral Service on Thursday April 8th, 2 pm at St Peter's, Southborough Common. Family flowers only; donations if desired to the RNIB, c/o Kempsters Funerals, Directors 1-4 Albion Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

KITCHING (née Elson) Winifred Margaret (Freda) on 3rd April at Delancey Hospital, Cheltenham, aged 90, after a series of strokes. Beloved wife of Laurence Charles Kitching and mother of John, Jill and Robert, grandmother of Timothy and Kate Collins, George, Charles, Heather and Christopher Kitching and great-grandmother of Patrick Collins. Memorial Service followed by interment of ashes at St Peter's Church, Pitton, near Salisbury, Wilts, on Tuesday 13th April at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Peter's Church repair fund.

LOUDON - On 4th April 1993, peacefully at home, Thomas Mackenzie aged 83, much loved father of Nicholas. Funeral at Breakspeare Crematorium Ruislip, Middlesex on 15th April at 2 pm.

LAMBERT - On 3rd April 1993, peacefully at home, Olaf Francis, beloved husband of Lucy, father of Simon, Sarah, Harriet and Charles and grandfather of Jack, Victoria and Alice. Funeral on Thursday 8th April 1993 at 2.30 pm at St Andrew's Church, Owslebury. Family flowers only, please. Donations if wished to be divided between the Army Benevolent Fund and the Western Neurological Unit c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

DEATHS

MAKIN - On 5th April 1993, peacefully aged 96, Stanley Makin. Much loved husband of Jean, father of Michael and Anne, grandfather and great-grandfather. Chartered Accountant, formerly partner Cole, Dickin & Hills. Funeral private, family flowers only.

McDOWELL - Dr. Constance Mary, BSc;PhD, died 2nd April 1993, aged 86, in Ventnor, Isle of Wight. Cremation will take place on Wednesday 7th April 1993 at 2.30 pm.

McKEAND - On April 3rd 1993, peacefully at his home Elmley Castle, Worcestershire, Douglas Jackson aged 69 years. A much loved husband of Madelene. Loving father of Vanessa and Hugh and grandfather to Jamie. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Elmley Castle, on Thursday April 8th at 3.30 pm. No flowers by request.

McMULLEN - On April 3rd 1993, at Honiton Hospital after a long illness bravely borne, Winifred May (née Daniel), beloved wife of James, mother of Ann and Raymond. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Honiton, on Thursday 8th April at 3.30 pm followed by interment at St Michael's Churchyard. Flowers or donations to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research c/o E.A. Dodd & Son, Silver Street, Honiton, EX14 8QL.

PRATT - Ingeborg, 91, died peacefully at home amongst family on Sunday April 4th, wonderful wife of Hugh, mother of John, grandmother of David and Kristin, friend of many. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday April 8th at 9 am. Taxis for all.

RUBMANN - Lilli. On 3rd April peacefully in her sleep at home aged 98. Much loved and greatly missed mother of Dorrit, grandmother of Katie and Alexandra and great-grandmother of Justin and Marcus. Mourned by all her family and friends. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, Tuesday 13th April at 10.30 am.

DEATHS

PHILLIPS - On 2nd April at home, Greta née Harrison Stanton aged 86, widow of the late Major G.D. ("Phil") Phillips, 3rd Hussars, and mother of the late Felicity. Funeral at St Lawrence's Church, Woolton St Lawrence, Basingstoke, on Thursday 8th April at 2.30pm followed by private cremation. Flowers, or donations to The Injured Jockeys Fund, c/o Spencer & Peyton, 380 Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 8DZ. (tel: Basingstoke 23166).

SPERLING - On 2nd April 1993, tragically, Rona Grant née MacLeod, a much loved mother of Robin and fabulous friend to so many. Details of Thanksgiving Service to be announced.

STANFORD - On April 2nd 1993, suddenly at home, after an heroic fight against great illness over 30 years, Dr. Elspeth, Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, wife of the late J.O. Stanford, former Managing Director of EMI, proud mother of Jon, of Canberra, Australia and Captain Christopher Stanford RN, and utterly devoted to her six appreciative grandchildren. Funeral Thursday April 8th at Cambridge City Crematorium. Any donations to RNLI. "Friday's child is loving and giving."

STITCHER - On 3rd April, suddenly, Gregory Ralph, adored husband of Pessel and much loved father of Adam, Sam and Ellie. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 11.45 on Thursday 8th April. No flowers, donations if desired to Mark Bowen Trust Malleybury Society, Malleybury, Herts SG13 7NU

WYNN-WILLIAMS - On 3rd April, peacefully, George Wynn-Williams F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. Beloved husband of Penelope and dearly loved father of Lesley-Jane, William and Hugo and much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Private family funeral. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

THOMAS - On Thursday April 1st, peacefully at Northwick Park Hospital, in his 84th year, David Beaumont Rees, dearly loved husband of Betty, father of Michael and grandfather of Ben and Emma. Funeral Service at 11 am, on Thursday April 8th at St Michael and All Angels, Bishop Ken Road, Harrow Weald. Flowers to Savile, 107 High Street, Wealdstone, Harrow.

DEATHS

VALPY - On 2nd April 1993, peacefully in hospital, Elizabeth Ovenden of Lewes, East Sussex, aged 84 years. Widow of the late Leslie George Valpy, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at St Anne's Parish Church Lewes, to be announced at a later date. Donations if desired to The Children's Society c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex. tel: (0273) 475567.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MIDDA - Mrs Marshall Midda would like to thank all those who sent such comforting letters, lovely flowers and generous donations following the recent death of her husband.

SETTEN - Ann Setten thanks all friends, relatives and colleagues for their many kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy and for their floral tributes and donations to the R.N.L.I. In memory of her dearly beloved husband, Peter Westcott Setten M.B.E.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

McCANCE - Robert Alexander. A Service of Thanksgiving in memory of his life and work will be held in the Chapel at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, at 2.30 pm on Saturday 24th April 1993.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

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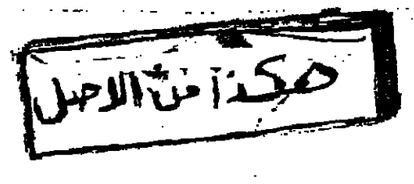
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OBITUARIES

LORD ELWORTHY



Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Elworthy, KG, GCB, CBE, DSO, LVO, DFC, AFC, Chief of Defence Staff, 1967-71, died on April 4 aged 82. He was born in Timaru, New Zealand, on March 23, 1911.

AT THE point at which he took over command of the RAF in 1963, the career of Charles Elworthy had been one of almost unalloyed brilliance. He was commanding a bomber squadron in 1940 within four years of being granted a permanent commission. In a single year of operations he won three medals, the DSO, DFC and AFC. In the early postwar period he established himself as one of the persuasive influences on the development of bomber tactics. As Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East for three years from 1960 he enabled Britain to be a stabilising force in a highly volatile region — and in 1961 foiled an Iraqi attempt to seize Kuwait. A lawyer by education, he combined in abundant measure intellectual capacity with an ability to sway the minds of his fellow men and bend them to his opinion.

Many thus felt it sad that, when he reached the top of his service, it was largely as the instrument of a government policy of swingeing defence cuts which hit the RAF particularly badly. When he became Chief of Defence Staff four years later it was, as he himself said, virtually to discharge the duties of an undertaker on all three forces. He felt these humiliations keenly. His senior colleagues found it ironic that the RAF should have to suffer so badly under one of its youngest and most able commanders. Some looked for his resignation as a point of honour — as they did those of the other service chiefs. Elworthy felt he ought to stay in place, if only to try to minimise damage through repeated warnings of the consequences of defence cuts. It was not his fault that those warnings were totally ignored.

Sam Elworthy, as he was known throughout his service career was born in New Zealand, the son of a wealthy farmer. He was sent to Britain to be educated at Marlborough and Trinity College, Cambridge. There he read law and was a keen oarsman, rowing for the First Trinity Boat Club and twice reaching the semi-final of the Ladies Plate at Henley Regatta. At Cambridge he learnt to fly and subsequently joined 600 (City of London) Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force, a bomber unit.

He graduated in law in 1933 and was called to the Bar in 1935. But after less than a year at Lincoln's Inn, he joined the RAF and was given a permanent commission. After a year with No 15 Squadron he was appointed personal assistant to the AOC-in-C Bomber Command. For one so junior this was an acknowledgement of the powers of analysis and organisation that were later to take him to the top.

Soon after the outbreak of war, he was sent to an operational training unit to prepare young bomber pilots and navigators for operational flying. Although important, this job did not recommend itself to a man who was itching to get to grips with the enemy. Elworthy restlessly agitated for a transfer to an operational unit and in December 1940 was given command of No 82 Squadron, equipped with Blenheims. To a man less totally dedicated this might have seemed something of a poisoned chalice. The Blenheim, wretchedly inadequate for its task, with a maximum bomb load of 1,000lb, was a poor cousin of the vastly superior Wellington. Indeed No 82 had been so savaged during the Battle of France that it had been deemed no longer to exist after one raid in which it had lost 11 out of 12 aircraft. Only the vigorous exertions of its then leader, Wing Commander the Earl of Bandon, had saved it from extinction as a fighting unit.

Now, based in Norfolk, it had the thankless task of trying to inflict damage on Axis shipping and on targets in occupied territories. Elworthy rose above the technical shortcomings of his equipment and through sheer force of personality and flying skills welded it into a remarkably effective force. By the end of the year he had not only managed to avoid getting killed — a considerably more than 50-50 chance for a bomber squadron commander over 12 months of operations in those days — but he had been awarded the AFC, DFC and DSO.

Rested from operations, he next had staff appointments at No 2 Group and at Bomber Command headquarters where his experience and success as a squadron commander were useful in the planning of future bomber tactics. For a year from the spring of 1942 he commanded RAF Waddington, Lincolnshire, before being transferred back to Bomber Command HQ and then to No 5 Group where he ended the war as senior staff officer. His reputation as both operational commander and staff officer was, by then, a matter of discussion in the senior echelons of the RAF.

From 1945 to 1947 he commanded the Central Bomber Establishment and led its first overseas liaison mission to the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. His appointment as CBE in 1946 recognised his contribution to the development of bomber tactics and the testing of new equipment.

Among subsequent postings were secondments to the new Indian and Pakistani air forces and in 1953 he was selected to command the RAF station Odiham where the Queen's Coronation Review was held in June of that year. The success of this RAF occasion earned him appointment as MVO (fourth class) subsequently translated to LVO. From command of the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, he became Deputy Chief of the Air Staff in 1959. But in the following year this appointment was cut short when he was sent to Aden as Commander-in-Chief Middle East. It was a testing time. The region was politically unstable and trouble was never far below the surface. The increasing tempo of Arab nationalism was beginning to concentrate its attentions on the British presence in Aden.

Among Britain's tasks were protection of her oil interests, defence of the nascent Federation of Sheikhdoms against Yemen and support for the Sultan of Muscat and Oman against rebellious elements. But the most pressing danger was the longstanding claim on Kuwait by President Kassim of Iraq.

As soon as he arrived in Aden, Elworthy moved fast to complete a reorganisation of the Aden headquarters to enable the command to be reinforced by balanced forces in strength and at speed. Training was pressed forward relentlessly in temperatures which often reached 125F (46C). Within six months the new headquarters had become a symbol of Britain's will and capacity to intervene anywhere in the Middle East in defence of her own or her allies' interests.

This contingency planning was not completed a moment too soon. On June 25, 1961, Kassim suddenly and vociferously renewed his claim that Kuwait was part of Iraq. Soon afterwards British intelligence reported that a large Iraqi armoured force was massing close to the Kuwaiti frontier. The British government immediately ordered Elworthy to reinforce Kuwait. Commandos from the aircraft carrier *Bulwark*, en route from the Far East, were ashore by July 1. In a few hours they had secured the airport, allowing a squadron of Hunter jet fighters to be flown in. More commandos were brought in from Aden while elements of the Coldstream Guards arrived from Bahrain. Two troops of Centurion tanks were disembarked from the landing ship *Striker*. Thus by nightfall small but effective infantry forces with armour and air support were in position to counter an Iraqi threat. Over the following days more armour and infantry with the most modern anti-tank missiles arrived to build the defenders up to a full-strength brigade. Faced with this armed resolve, the Iraqi tanks stayed where they were. It was a lesson in deterrence, which stands in marked contrast to the indecision which necessitated the dispatch of a huge and costly multinational expeditionary force to perform the same task in 1991.

In September 1963 Elworthy returned to the United Kingdom to become Chief of the Air Staff. He brought to the Air Ministry a wealth of experience and a fund of good will. Outwardly the RAF appeared to be a happy and efficient service with a great future ahead of it. But the new Chief of Air Staff was destined to preside over some of the heaviest cuts ever administered to the services. After an unhappy four years the situation had not in any way changed when, in August 1967, he became Chief of Defence Staff.

Many of his greatest admirers regretted that such a brilliant career in the RAF should have ended coincidentally with the introduction of a redundancy scheme for the services which became operative almost on the day he handed over as Chief of the Air Staff. Many officers and men left the service disappointed and disillusioned.

Nevertheless, Sam Elworthy will be remembered for his many personal qualities. His unhappy time at the top of his profession does not detract from his qualities as a strategic thinker of the highest calibre and as a leader able to translate theory into concrete activity.

From 1971 to 1978 he was Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle and from 1973 to 1978 Lord Lieutenant of Greater London. In 1972 he was made a life peer. He retired to live in New Zealand in 1978.

He married, in 1936, Audrey Hutchinson, who died in 1986. They had three sons and one daughter.

REGINALD GRENFELL



Reggie and Joyce Grenfell in 1934

Reginald Pascoe Grenfell, died in London on March 31 aged 79. He was born on November 1, 1903.

REGINALD Grenfell, who trained as a chartered accountant, and later worked for British Consolidated Non-Ferrous Metals, was the husband of the *diseuse*, Joyce Grenfell, whom he married in 1929. Grenfell was the elder son of Arthur Morton Grenfell and his first wife, Victoria, the eldest child of the 4th Earl Grey of Howick, who died when Reginald was five.

Grenfell met his future wife, Joyce Phipps, at Ford Manor in Surrey when she was 17. She was then about to go to RADA where, she recalled: "I lasted exactly one term, before Reggie took my mind off the stage and I left." But just as Reggie had been instrumental in curtailing his wife's early theatre career, so he was to encourage it when Joyce took to the stage again in 1939. He was also responsible for secretly editing her first volume of autobiography, *Joyce Grenfell Requests the Pleasure* in 1976, spiriting off early chapters, which he photocopied and rearranged with Sellotape. Thereafter he edited all her work.

Reggie Grenfell was certainly no sleeping partner in the highly successful show-business career of his wife. All Joyce Grenfell's professional decisions were taken in consultation with Reggie, as she readily admitted: "Helped? He did everything for me." With his Frank Muir say-nothing-smile, and his somewhat lanky frame, Grenfell's tastes were most decidely "ordinary". An expert "twitcher" and cricket fan (he would become addicted in later years to the BBC's *Grandstand*), he was a house-husband before his time — although he fell short of doing the cooking. Not that he did not need a certain amount of wifely organisation: "Reggie, left to himself, might be a last-minute man, but long years of living with me have trained him the other way."

The couple were only really parted during the war — in which Reggie had a distinguished career in the 60th Rifles, rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Herself on tour entertaining the troops, Joyce would write him long and often hilarious letters describing her latest adventures. At such times, she would be reminded of her husband's qualities: "Funny thing the way I long for him more and more as a lasting, enduring, darling and real person," she wrote when in Egypt in 1944. "He's the linchpin in my life all right. I am one of the lucky ones." Reggie accompanied her to New York in 1956, when his duties included delivering Joyce to the *Ed Sullivan Show*, there to be met by hordes of screaming teenagers: not Joyce Grenfell fans, alas, but there to see Elvis Presley, who was sharing the bill.

In 1950, Grenfell's cousin Harold Grenfell, chairman of the Messina (Transvaal) Development Company, invited him to join the board as a director. Joyce often went with him on his annual visits to South Africa, staying at Harold Grenfell's ranch and, with the chairman's wife, enjoying the swimming pool; not so her husband, as she recalled in a voice reminiscent of her own monologues: "Reggie never plunges except in a hot bath."

The Grenfells led a quiet social life, much preferring entertaining at lunch — favourite guests would be Noël Coward or Athene Seyler — rather than at dinner and invariably going to matinées rather than to evening performances at the theatre. They enjoyed, though, their grand Christmases at Cliveden with the Astors (Nancy being Joyce's aunt), and occasional royal balls at Windsor: "Reggie and I dance a little and stare a lot." But black-tie did not come naturally to Reggie, who was happier in grey flannels on more casual Somerset visits to his niece Susan and her husband, Marmaduke Hussey.

It was partly the wit of her husband — an extremely funny, if very modest and private man — which helped Joyce to make her observations of everyday life into the wonderfully comic monologues that became her trademark. Without Reggie's stable presence, it is doubtful if Joyce's talent would have been able to flourish in the manner in which it did. In later years, when she became a television star, Reggie would sit down to enjoy — with six million others — his wife's witty appearances on *Face the Music*. His pleasure and pride in her achievements was untainted by any form of envy.

After Joyce's death from cancer, Reggie agreed to allow Maureen Lipman to revive her monologue in *Re: Joyce!*, a show written by James Roose-Evans. Lipman was honoured when Reggie told her after the first night: "It was wonderful to see her again." Joyce Grenfell died in 1979, two weeks before their golden wedding. They had no children.

MICHEL RIQUET

Michel Riquet, French Jesuit priest and author, died on March 5 aged 94. He was born on September 8, 1898.

MICHEL Riquet defied the Nazis during the second world war and campaigned against racism for more than 50 years.

Born into a middle class family, Riquet joined the Jesuit order in 1918 and was ordained as a priest ten years later. He served as preacher during Lent at Notre Dame de Paris cathedral from 1946 to 1955 and, from 1951, wrote a column for the conservative newspaper *Le Figaro*. He was also a vice-president of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism.

But it was Riquet's work for the Resistance during the second world war — when he helped more than 500 allied pilots escape from France — that earned him real fame.

Riquet was arrested by the Gestapo in January 1944 while serving as a chaplain to medical students. "You have hidden all the sons of the Resistance in the folds of your saintly robes," accused his German interrogator. The charismatic priest, then 46, smiled and answered, "You flatter me. I've hidden only a few." Two months later he was deported to Mathausen and Dachau where he inspired inmates with messages of brotherly love and forgiveness. He was freed in May 1945.

Riquet's best known books were a series of spiritual "how to" books: *The Christian In the Face of... Life, Ruin, Power, Atheism, Money.*

MITCHELL PARISH

Mitchell Parish, lyricist, died in New York on March 31 aged 92. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on July 10, 1900.

BY CONJURING up an elegant lyric that complemented the romantic mood of Hoagy Carmichael's tune, "Stardust", Mitchell Parish enhanced it in such a fashion that it was to become the most often recorded popular song of all time. Parish's particular talent was the ability to formulate just the right lyrics to broaden the appeal of tunes that were already instrumental hits. He did this repeatedly — most notably with "Stardust" — but also to widespread popularity with Glenn Miller's "Moonlight Serenade", Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Lady" and the Benny Goodman hit "Don't Be That Way".

It was in 1929, two years after Carmichael composed "Stardust", that Parish added the lyrics. In one form or another the song has gone on to be recorded more than 1,300 times since then.

Although born in Louisiana, Parish grew up in New York, where he originally intended to pursue a career in medicine. But he also wrote poetry and song lyrics in his spare time, and at 19 he joined the music publishing firm *Mills Music as a staff* songwriter. He had his first big success in 1928 with "Sweet Lorraine". This was followed almost immediately by "Stardust". Throughout the 1930s he produced a stream of lyrics for the best-known jazz and popular tunes including "Stars fell On Alabama" and "Stairway To The Stars".

Over the next two decades his output continued unabated. He provided lyrics for several Leroy Anderson tunes including "Sleigh Ride", "Forgotten Dreams" and "Blue Tango". Besides producing lyrics for many more standards such as "Orange Blossom Lane", by Peter De Rose (for whom he had previously written "Deep Purple") Mitchell skilfully adapted the lyrics of a number of foreign songs, to make them hits in the US market, too. Notable among these were "Tzena, Tzena" from the popular Hebrew song by Julius Grossman and Issacher Miron; and "Volare" from the Italian hit of that name by Domenico Modugno.

Recently Parish's work was celebrated in a musical revue entitled *Stardust*, which was woven around a sequence of 34 songs, all with his lyrics and ranging from "Sweet Lorraine" (1928) to "Volare" (1958) which opened off-Broadway in 1986 and transferred to Broadway the following year.

Mitchell Parish remained self-deprecating about his accomplishments, describing himself as "mere Tin Pan Alley". But he has his undoubted place in the history of popular music. He leaves a son and a daughter.

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Our Paris Correspondent telegraphs:
M André Michelin, director of the Société Michelin et Cie and the Michelin Tire Company Limited, died on Saturday at the age of 78. With him there disappears a prominent figure in French industrial life, a pioneer of transport, a keen sportsman, and an ardent philanthropist.

André Jules Michelin was born in Paris on January 17, 1853, and was educated as an engineer at the École Centrale ... he joined his brother Edouard in a mechanical construction factory. Subsequently the two brothers took over the management of an old-established factory at Clermont-Ferrand from which the firm of Michelin Frères and the larger undertakings developed. He was 35 years old when his chance came. Mr Dunlop, a veterinary surgeon of Belfast, himself not even a cyclist, invented in 1888 the pneumatic bicycle tire to replace the old solid or cushion tire hitherto in use. André Michelin at once began experimenting with possible improvements, and evolved a detachable pneumatic tire consisting of an inner tube and an outer cover fitted with a metal ring. He launched this in the Paris-Bordeaux bicycle race of May, 1891, and in a still further improved form it was used by his team in the "Paris to Brest and back" race of September. .. [it] was less a contest between men than between material in a developing industry, and the triumph secured by the Michelin tire laid the foundations of his firm's success.

The advent of motoring gave a great impetus to the energies of Michelin Brothers and their firm rapidly expanded into one of the chief industrial undertakings in France. Doubtless skill and rather humorous advertising had a great deal to do with its progress, but André Michelin saw to it that his firm should always be in the van with each improvement. When the Wright Brothers gave a new impetus to adventure and discovery in aviation, he was one of the keenest supporters of the French efforts.

Side by side with these interests, he took an active part in promoting facilities for tourists ... Out of these activities was developed the series of road maps, guides and signposts, together with a wide and accurate intelligence organisation. At the same time he organised the welfare of the ever-growing army of work people at Clermont-Ferrand on modern lines.

ON THIS DAY
April 6 1931

André Michelin's adaptation of an invention by an Irish vet made him a fortune and he put it to good use in modernising facilities for tourists

NEWS

UN plans Srebrenica pullout

■ The United Nations will begin a mass evacuation today of the besieged Muslim enclave of Srebrenica, which is in imminent danger of falling to the Serbs. Daily convoys of 20 lorries will attempt to move some 15,000 people.

The operation will begin as military commanders meet in Sarajevo to try to consolidate an eight-day-old ceasefire around the town. Hand-to-hand fighting and artillery fire were reported yesterday ..... Pages 1, 14

Patten defies test challenge

■ John Patten stood out against mounting pressure from teaching unions and political opponents to abandon this year's national curriculum tests. Leaders of two unions appealed to him to call off compulsory tests before their members join a boycott ..... Pages 1, 2, 19

Doctors with HIV

Patients operated on by surgeons found to be infected with HIV must be contacted and offered advice and a test, the government's chief medical officer said. But the doctor should not be identified ..... Pages 1, 5

Chess doubles up

The world chess federation, Fide, is pressing ahead with plans to stage a championship match. There are likely to be two players claiming the world title later this year ..... Page 1

Rail threat

Rail union leaders are to consider calling a second 24-hour strike on British Rail to follow the one-day stoppage ..... Page 2

Race bias case

London Underground is to pay 20 black station managers more than £60,000 after admitting racial discrimination ..... Page 3

Tourist deaths

Three British tourists have been killed in freak accidents. One was shot, one was drowned and one, a nine-year-old boy, was killed when a ski lift broke down in California ..... Page 3

Cameraman killed

Dieter Plage, a wildlife cameraman, was killed in an airship accident while filming in Indonesia for the Anglia Television programme *Survival* ..... Page 5

Cancer claims

Legal aid has been granted to 50 residents investigating claims for compensation against a leading pesticides maker ..... Page 7

Prison plea

Labour MPs are to ask the foreign secretary to intervene in the case of three Welshmen held without trial for 22 months in Spain. Jamie Humphreys, Alan Sell and Paul Sell are accused of attempting to murder a Turkish tourist ..... Page 8

Plebiscite call

President Yeltsin returned to Russia from the Vancouver summit and promptly urged people to endorse his reforms in a plebiscite on April 25 ..... Page 13

Owen warning

Lord Owen told EC foreign ministers that America's call to allow arms through to besieged Bosnian Muslims could lead only to an escalation of war ..... Page 14

Airport option

China is studying plans to expand Shenzhen airport near Hong Kong instead of going ahead with the troubled £7 billion scheme to build a huge new airport ..... Page 15

Patten's task

Chris Patten is in London to stiffen the sinews of John Major in the dispute with China over Hong Kong. To succeed, he must persuade the prime minister that more is involved than Sino-British relations and a market for British goods. He must convince Mr Major that there is a moral dimension ..... Page 15

Irish nanny wins the National

■ Caroline McCarthy, a nanny from co. Cork, won nearly £148,000 from the Grand National that never was. She had been leading a newspaper tipsters' contest but, because she none of her selected horses was in the National, she looked like being overhauled. With the race declared void, she was left in the lead ..... Pages 1, 3, 41



March of progress: men and women parading together at an inaugural ceremony for the Royal Logistic Corps yesterday. Page 2

In the red: Mirror Group Newspapers provided £18 million to keep its pension fund running last year. The company's losses totalled £79.1 million ..... Page 23

Pay rise: Barclays Bank, which lost £242 million last year, paid one director a £275,000 bonus to help to keep his pay comparable with financial sector posts ..... Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 31.1 to 2,838.8 in a subdued market, with traders responding cautiously to mixed economic data. Sterling ended almost unchanged against the dollar at $1.5215, up 0.03 cents, but was lower against the mark at DM2.4272, down 0.78 pfennigs ..... Page 26

Olympics: John Major was told by Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, that Manchester deserves to stage the 2000 Olympic Games ..... Page 44

Golf: Trish Johnson, former English strokeplay and matchplay champion, has won the Las Vegas tournament on the women's professional circuit ..... Page 39

Football: "He is Peter Pan to some. His Royal Shyness to others. He has infuriated and delighted managers in roughly equal measure. But on one thing everyone agrees: Ally McCoist is the best goalscorer to come out of Scotland since Denis Law" ..... Page 42

Out and about: "There may be ante-natal classes, but where are the ante-adult ones, to prepare mothers for the moment the children fly the nest?" Virginia Ironside on leaving home ..... Page 16

Odd behaviour? The parables and myths of organised religion are little more than a joke to many determinedly secular Britons — to their cost. Ian Robertson in praise of irrationality ..... Page 17

Striking rise: Will the current climate of 1970s-style confrontation last? ..... Page 38

Tilting at a classic: The Royal Ballet is to look at a 19th-century Russian version of *Don Quixote*, hoping it will be a vehicle for its roster of stars ..... Page 31

Staging sonnets: The DV8 Physical Theatre Company has adapted Shakespeare's sonnets for performance by a company of three. It has unapologetically re-arranged, cut and interpolated the lines with popular song lyrics ..... Page 33

Roots in danger: As local governments decide whether to continue free instrumental tuition in state schools, supporters say 70 per cent of musicians in Britain's professional orchestras came through the state system ..... Page 33

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Robin Cook, the shadow industry secretary, looks not to Clinton's America for Labour's beacon of hope, but to Scotland, he tells Peter Riddell Page 10



The Pope has acceded to a plea from Princess Caroline of Monaco that the children from her second union be declared legitimate Page 12



Giulio Andreotti, the former Italian prime minister, has been told he is under investigation for alleged violation of political funding laws Page 13

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Inside the TV bear pit

■ Roger Graef examines whether mass discussion programmes, such as *Kilroy*, are cheap in every sense of the word

The lure of the east

■ The government has announced plans for a new city east of London. What will it look like and where will it be built?

Plagiarism rules, OK?

■ As the Royal Shakespeare Company stages *The Beggar's Opera*, with 69 "borrowed" tunes, Richard Morrison writes in praise of musical thieves

BUSINESS

Dr David Widgery was a GP in London's East End, working mainly among the poor. Before his early death last year, *40 Minutes* (BBC2, 9.50pm) followed him on his rounds ..... Page 43

OPINION

Mr Patten's test

Union intransigence and incompetent law-making have brought this summer's national curriculum tests to the brink of collapse. John Patten must strike the right balance between enforcement of the law and judicious change ..... Page 19

Back to the fray

The promise of Vancouver can only be realised in Russian voting booths. And there is only one question: whether Russians agree that "*there is no alternative* to Yeltsin" ..... Page 19

Making waves

Those who swim on British beaches have a right to know whether their health is endangered by untreated sewage pumped into the water ..... Page 19

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Mrs Pieterse is a marathon runner in the Orange Free State, and she was out for a training spin when all of a sudden an ostrich strolled into view. Despite the attempts of the experts to explain that ostriches are real birds, practically everybody is convinced that they are to be found only in cartoons. Nevertheless, the lady refused to believe that the beast would soon come up with a caption, and was right in her supposition, because the first thing the ostrich did was to give her an almighty kick ..... Page 18

LYNNE TRUSS

It was a small march but we carried lots of balloons. "What do we want?" yelled our cheerleader. "Radio Four!" "Where do we want it?" "Long Wave!" "How do we ask?" "Please!" ..... Page 18

LETTERS

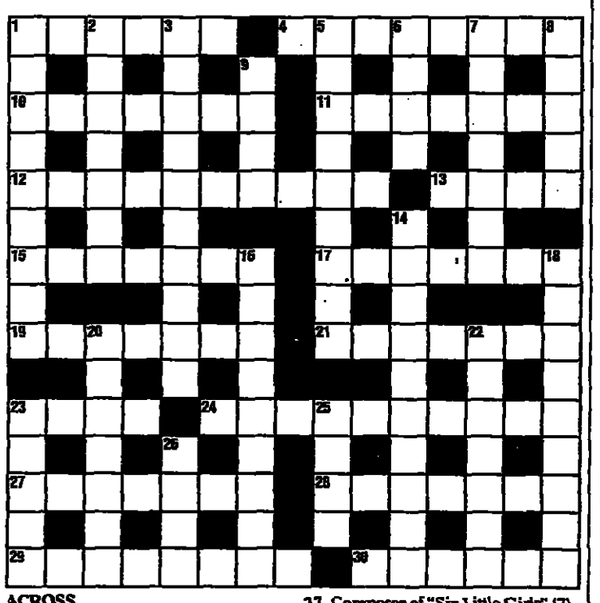
For and against tradition: the fiasco at Aintree ..... Page 19

EDITORIALS

Mr Yeltsin returns home with more than the promise of some material help. He has shown his country that its present troubles have engaged the concern and sympathy of the world. That assurance may prove to be important far beyond the value of the wheat and the dollars now being sent

—The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,197



ACROSS

1 It takes two months to boil (6).
4 Private love in secret island hideaway (8).
10 Golden quality evident after adopting the Parisian style (7).
11 South African group involved in high-quality money business (7).
12 Make up for not sprinting away initially in race (10).
13 It's bound to describe an Olympic year (4).
15 A guard used by cricketers turning to right — a useful device (7).
17 Worry as centre of camera opening's black (7).
19 Increases involvement of sex and power (7).
21 Europe's first satellite going round about is unpleasant (7).
23 Bunkered golfer in this? Yes and no (4).
24 Preparing a passacaglia? (10).
27 Composer of "Six Little Girls" (7).
28 Plant grew on bark of tree (3-4).
29 More than one tiara stays on, displacing centre of hairstyle (8).
30 Get to the rye, say, through waving corn in this country (6).

DOWN

1 Remove water from various acids etc, by electrolysis initially (9).
2 Saint — one leaving America? (7).
3 Competitor's happy to be about second, thanks (10).
5 I fasten both ends of nappy somehow (6-3).
6 Biting insect turned up? Smack! (4).
7 The Sound of Music in verse form (7).
8 Better to imprison man that's easily bought (5).
9 God cast in bronze, usually (4).
14 The process by which we lose our wits? (5,5).
16 Terrier, one that comes when called (9).
18 Very quick pause to have a cuddle (9).
20 Friend is on state business (7).
22 Sherry the daughter left, sorrowfully (7).
23 Bible and love within church overthrown? That means chaos (5).
25 Until ready for . . . . (2,2).
26 . . . climbing mountain, remain at bottom — that's the idea (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,196

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W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
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London & SE traffic, roadworks

C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
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National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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THE WEATHER

Scotland will be cloudy and there will be outbreaks of rain or drizzle, with brighter spells developing. Northern Ireland will have showers. England and Wales will be cloudy with brighter spells. There will be a few showers, mainly in eastern areas, with outbreaks of rain spreading into the south west later. Temperatures will be about the seasonal norm and it will be windy in most places. Outlook: staying unsettled.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	16	61	s	Luxor	33	91	s
Alicatti	19	66	s	Madrid	19	66	s
Alex'dria	20	68	s	Majorca	19	84	s
Algiers	21	70	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Amst'dm	8	46	r	Malta	17	63	c
Athens	16	61	f	Melb'rne	27	81	s
Bahrain	25	77	s	Miami*	28	82	t
Bangkok	35	95	s	Milan	14	57	s
Barcelna	15	59	s	Montreal*	4	39	s
Beirut	18	64	s	Moscow	7	45	c
Belgrade	10	50	c	Munich	9	48	f
Berlin	10	50	c	Naples	12	54	c
Bermuda*	21	70	f	N Delhi	30	86	s
Biarritz	18	64	f	N York*	6	43	c
Borde'x	14	57	f	Nice	14	57	f
Brussels	8	46	r	Oslo	2	36	sn
Budapst	13	55	f	Paris	9	48	r
B Aires*	20	68	d	Peking	11	52	c
Cairo	24	75	s	Perth	21	70	c
Chicago*	4	39	c	Prague	9	48	c
Ch'church	18	64	r	Reykjavik	8	46	f
Cologne	11	52	f	Rhodes	16	61	f
C'hagn	5	41	c	Rio de J	33	91	s
Corfu	11	52	r	Riyadh	31	88	s
Dublin	10	50	r	Rome	13	55	f
Dubrovnik	11	52	r	Salzburg	10	50	r
Faro	17	63	s	S F'isco*	14	57	c
Florence	11	52	c	Santiago*	21	70	s
Frankfurt	11	52	s	Seoul	13	55	s
Funchal	19	66	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	9	48	f	Stckholm	2	36	c
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	13	55	f
Helsinki	1	34	r	Tangier	18	64	f
Hong K	19	66	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Innsbruck	9	48	s	Tenerife	20	68	f
Istanbul	14	57	s	Tokyo	14	57	f
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	5	41	c
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	19	66	s
Karachi	34	93	f	Valencia	21	70	s
L Palmas	20	68	c	Vanc'ver*	9	48	c
Le Tquet	10	50	r	Venice	16	61	s
Lisbon	17	63	c	Vienna	12	54	s
Locarno	15	59	s	Warsaw	9	48	c
London	12	54	r	Wash'ton*	10	50	s
L'Angels*	19	66	s	Wel'nton	17	63	c
Luxembg	9	48	f	Zurich	10	50	s

* denotes figures are latest available

UK TODAY

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6pm, 53 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.19in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 997.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

TOMORROW

Sunday: Highest day temp: Folkestone, Kent, and Guernsey, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, 0.79in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, and Bournemouth, Dorset, 10.8hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.24in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.3hr.

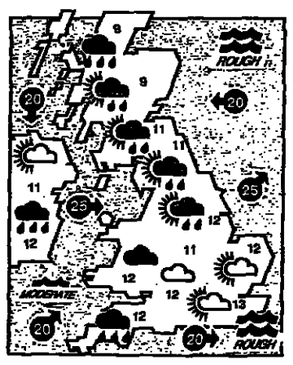
SEA

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F). min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.22in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.8hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.4	0.15	8	46	bright
Anglesey	9.5	-	10	50	sunny
Aviemore	2.0	0.09	8	46	hail
Belfast	7.8	0.06	11	52	sunny
Birmingham	7.5	0.30	11	52	bright
Bognor Regis	10.8	0.16	12	54	sunny
Bournemouth	10.8	0.01	12	54	sunny
Bristol	9.2	0.12	12	54	sunny
Buxton	6.4	0.46	9	48	bright
Cardiff	8.9	0.06	11	52	shower
Clacton	8.5	0.07	12	54	sunny
Cromer	-	0.10	10	50	sunny
Douglas	9.7	-	9	48	sunny
Edinburgh	9.3	0.01	12	54	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.0	0.25	9	48	bright
Exmouth	9.2	0.02	12	54	sunny
Falmouth	8.5	0.02	12	54	sunny
Folkestone	7.9	0.16	13	55	sunny
Glasgow	8.6	0.07	10	50	hail
Guernsey	10.3	0.02	13	55	sunny
Hastings	9.6	0.19	11	52	sunny
Jersey	9.3	0.06	12	54	sunny
Kinloss	1.7	-	10	50	rain
Leeds	8.1	0.32	11	52	sunny
Lerwick	-	0.03	6	43	rain
Littlehampton	10.1	0.21	11	52	sunny
Liverpool	8.9	0.13	10	50	sunny
London	9.7	0.03	12	54	sunny
Lowestoft	7.0	0.10	11	52	sunny
Manchester	8.4	0.24	11	52	sunny
Margate	9.7	0.09	12	54	sunny
Minehead	6.3	0.02	11	52	hail
Morecambe	9.8	0.19	9	48	sunny
Newcastle	8.3	0.26	12	54	shower
Newquay	8.0	0.08	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	7.6	0.55	11	52	sunny
Penzance	-	0.08	12	54	sunny
Plymouth	9.0	0.02	11	52	sunny
Poole	9.1	0.02	13	55	sunny
Sandown	10.2	0.08	11	52	sunny
Scarborough	3.2	0.54	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.6	0.03	10	50	sunny
Shanklin	9.9	0.11	10	50	sunny
Southend	-	0.08	12	54	sunny
Southsea	10.7	0.13	11	52	sunny
Stornoway	4.9	0.24	8	46	rain
Swanage	10.5	0.08	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	9.8	-	12	54	sunny
Tenby	10.1	-	10	50	sunny
Tiree	8.9	0.79	9	48	hail
Torquay	8.7	-	13	55	sunny
Weymouth	10.1	0.46	11	52	sunny
Worthing	10.0	0.16	11	52	sunny

MAPS





LAST NIGHT

London 5.12 pm to 5.55 am
Bristol 5.22 pm to 6.05 am
Edinburgh 5.31 pm to 6.01 am
Manchester 5.23 pm to 6.01 am
Penzance 5.32 pm to 6.18 am

Sun rises: 6.25 am
Sun sets: 7.42 pm
Moon rises 4.52 pm
Moon sets 5.46 am
Full moon 6.43pm

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	11	52	f
B'mngham	10	50	s	Inverness	7	45	f
Blackpool	10	50	f	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	11	52	s	London	12	54	r
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'nchster	11	52	s
Edinburgh	11	52	s	Newcastle	11	52	s
Glasgow	8	46	r	R'nldsway	9	48	f

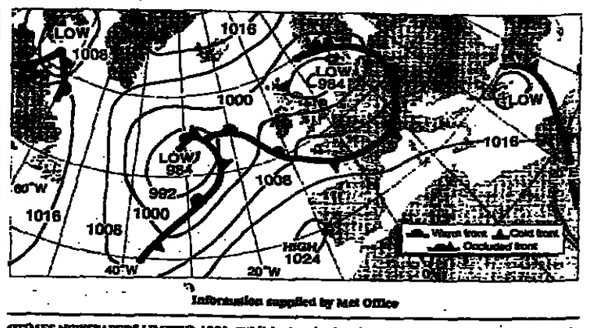
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.59	7.2	2.30	7.4	Liverpool	11.37	9.8		
Aberdeen	1.31	4.2	1.41	4.5	Lowestoft	9.58	2.4	9.58	2.6
Avonmouth	7.36	13.5	8.08	13.8	Margate			12.34	4.8
Belfast	11.20	3.7	11.54	3.4	Milford Haven	6.32	7.3	6.57	7.3
Cardiff	7.23	12.5	7.51	12.7	Newquay	5.23	7.3	5.48	7.3
Devonport	6.09	5.7	6.37	5.6	Oban	6.07	4.1	5.31	4.0
Dover	11.20	8.6	11.44	6.9	Penzance	5.07	5.8	5.34	5.7
Falmouth	5.39	5.5	6.07	5.4	Portland	7.09	2.2	7.40	2.2
Glasgow	1.15	4.5	1.17	4.8	Portsmouth	11.45	4.9		
Harwich			12.25	4.0	Shoreham	11.33	6.4		
Holyhead	10.35	5.9	10.59	5.8	Southampton	11.09	4.5	11.34	4.8
Hull	8.40	7.5	8.47	7.9	Swansea	6.42	10.1	7.05	10.1
Ilfracombe	6.19	9.5	6.44	9.5	Tees	3.56	5.5	4.10	5.7
King's Lynn	6.69	6.7	7.03	7.0	Whitby			12.15	4.3
Leith	2.48	5.6	3.06	5.8					

CURRENCIES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.06	2.28
Austria Sch	18.15	18.65
Belgium Fr	53.15	48.75
Canada $	2.04	1.88
Denmark Kr	8.94	9.14
Finland Mrk	9.43	8.83
France Fr	8.72	8.02
Germany Dm	2.57	2.37
Greece Dr	347.00	322.00
Hong Kong $	12.38	11.38
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.97
Italy Lire	2495.00	2350.00
Japan Yen	190.25	*171.25
Netherlands Gld	2.89	2.66
Norway Kr	10.92	10.12
Portugal Esc	236.00	216.00
South Africa Rd	5.45	4.75
Spain Pta	179.60	166.60
Sweden Kr	12.09	11.29
Switzerland Fr	2.57	2.18
Turkey Lira	14800.0	13800.0
USA $	1.62	1.49

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US $ ..... 1.5215 (+0.0003)
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FT-SE 100 ..... 2838.8 (-31.1)
Dow Jones ... 3378.65 (+7.84)*
Nikkei Avg 19759.46 (+312.52)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank... $5^{31}/_{32}$-$5^{29}/_{32}$%
US Federal Funds ..... $3^{1}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.90-2.88%*
Long Bond 7.04%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5210*	£:$ 1.5185
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$:SWfr..1.4770*	£:SWfr...2.2471
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£:SDR ..1.0893	£:ECU ..1.2531

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 339.35 ..... PM 339.25
Close 339.30-339.80
New York:
Comex 339.75-340.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 138.8 February (1.8%)
* Denotes midday trading price



JOHN MANNING

Mirror men: from left, Charles Wilson, managing director, John Allwood, finance director, David Montgomery and Murdoch MacLellan, operations director

MGN revamp costs £116m

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ Mirror Group said its 1992 report and accounts will be qualified for the second year running as a result of its association with Maxwell-controlled companies

MIRROR Group Newspapers lost an overall £79.1 million last year after setting aside £116.5 million to cover the cost of modernising and closing production capacity and providing £18 million to keep the group pension fund running in the wake of the Robert Maxwell scandal.

The rationalisation of printing capacity will result in the closure of three presses at the Stamford Street site in London. By the end of April the MGN workforce will have been cut from 3,600 to 3,000.

In Scotland, the new MGN management has trimmed £20 million off the cost of modernising printing by moving to a greenfield press site at Cardonald near Glasgow airport which will also house commercial departments.

Of the £116.5 million, £16 million goes on redundancies, £46 million on writing down surplus land and buildings and taking the costs of commissioning equipment into the profit and loss account from the balance sheet. A further £54 million will be spent on the Scottish move.

The shares, 54.8 per cent owned by Maxwell private company administrators, responded with a 13p rise to 117p as City analysts raised earnings forecasts from £40 million to £60 million before tax for this year. But the cash flow is unlikely to be sufficient to make much of an impact on debts, which ended 1992 at a net £393 million on shareholders' funds of £362.8 million. MGN is understood to have £440 million of bank facilities, including £180 million of finance leases.

In a review of action taken by the new management, David Montgomery, the chief executive, spoke of a "cosy culture" at MGN with "too much administration", "too much print capacity" and too much reliance on casual labour.

Mr Montgomery said that MGN was negotiating for better terms on its headquarters and looking for a new site. He revealed that a "ghost operation" that could have produced a newspaper had been operating during the threat of a strike at MGN to ensure that no editions were lost.

He reaffirmed Mirror support for the Labour party, however, in the wake of last week's departures of Paul Foot, the columnist, and Lord Hollick, a Labour peer who was a non-executive director.

Profits before tax and exceptional items fell from £47.3 million to £32.5 million in 1992, thanks largely to a £17.9 million payment to the pension fund to keep the scheme going while the group waits for asset recoveries in the wake of the Maxwell scandal or finds cash to fund the deficit.

Deduction of the exceptional charge created a pre-tax loss of £84 million, against a profit of £47.3 million last time. The group also presented figures using the new FRS3 reporting standard which showed a fall in losses before tax from £447.7 million to £88.7 million.

The group's cash flow statement reveals £41.2 million of payments "in respect of unusual transactions" in connection with the Maxwell scandal. MGN says these include £22 million of financing costs and bank fees, £12 million of pension provisions and £7 million of what are described as "smaller liabilities". Shareholders will not receive a dividend payment for 1992, there is a deficit on the profit and loss account of £560 million.

The 1992 report and accounts will, like the 1991 set, be qualified by the auditors to remind investors of "uncertainties relating to the contingent liabilities arising as a result of the group's association with the Maxwell controlled companies and the potential adjustments to the group's pension fund obligations and assets".

Mr Montgomery yesterday acquired his first 50,000 ordinary shares at 108p a share, giving him a 0.01 per cent stake.

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Barclays pays £275,000 bonus to BZW chief executive

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS Bank, which lost £242 million last year, paid David Band, the chief executive of its BZW securities arm, a £275,000 bonus last year to help keep his pay in line with the heads of rival firms. It took his total pay last year to £524,000, compared with £448,000 in 1991.

Although Mr Band is not mentioned by name in Barclays' annual report, he is understood to be the highest paid director whose pay package is disclosed in it.

Mr Band and Lord Camoys, BZW's deputy chairman, were the only Barclays directors to receive bonus payments last year. Lord Camoys received a special £125,500 bonus. Pay is set by a compensation committee, made up of non-executive directors.

The report said bonus targets for directors are set at the beginning of each year. It said: "In 1992, the targets were not achieved and, as in 1991, no team bonuses will be paid."

It added that individual bonuses of £400,500 will be paid to "those directors who are also BZW executives to ensure that their overall remuneration remains competitive, and to reflect the improved performance of that division". In 1991 Mr Band was the only director to receive an individual bonus. The payment was £200,000.

The report goes on to say that other directors, including the group deputy chairmen, received no bonus in either year. This includes Sir Peter Middleton, Barclays' deputy chairman who chairs BZW.

BZW increased its profits by 13 per cent to £241 million last year. Its performance shone in comparison with the Barclays group's pre-tax loss of £242 million, the first loss in its 97-year history.

The salary of Andrew Buxton, chairman and chief executive, has not been disclosed, although Mr Buxton said at the time of Barclays' results that the rate for the job had fallen and that his salary was at least 10 per cent lower than that of Sir John Quinton, his predecessor.

The report shows Sir John's pay package dropped from £382,000 to £265,000 in 1992, reflecting his change of job from executive chairman and chief executive to non-executive chairman in May last year.

Barclays' shareholders were furious about the group's performance last year and have demanded management changes. Pressure from institutional investors eventually forced Mr Buxton to agree to split his job. Last month he revealed a group of mainly non-executive directors will choose a new chief executive from outside the bank.

In his chairman's statement in the report, Mr Buxton said the bank's loss last year was "not an acceptable performance".

He also described Barclays' £2.55 billion bad debt provisions as "unacceptable" and acknowledged that the bank has made mistakes, but added that Barclays has now strengthened its credit risk management.



Band: keeping up

Judges will decide Leyland DAF future

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THREE Appeal Court judges will today decide the outcome of a two-month battle to save the collapsed Leyland DAF lorry and van maker and the future of its 3,311 remaining employees. They must settle a legal poker game between administrative receivers anxious to maintain production and suppliers fighting for payment for past deliveries.

With Automotive Products (AP), a key supplier, refusing to continue to deliver clutches and brakes, and stocks at Leyland all but exhausted, the receivers may have to halt production from Easter unless delivery of parts is resumed.

The Court of Appeal is scheduled to hear an appeal from Murdoch McKillop and John Talbot, the joint receivers, against last week's High Court ruling that AP, as an unpaid supplier, was not obliged to continue to provide components to Leyland.

All the other main suppliers of Leyland have agreed to keep parts flowing, even though they are reckoned to be owed a total of £82 million. Motor Panels (Coventry), a leading supplier owed £1.8 million by Leyland, said yesterday that it had a long-term relationship and was happy to continue supply.

Leyland would need months to switch from AP to a new supplier, a break in production that the management buy-outs emerging from what is left of Leyland could hardly survive. Leyland has already shed 2,211 jobs, or 42 per cent of its staff, since the Anglo-Dutch DAF group broke up.

The loss of the remaining 3,311 Leyland jobs, if production is halted at its plants in Birmingham and Leyland, Lancashire, would probably be accompanied by twice as many job losses at supplier firms across the country.

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Clinton and the laws of arithmetic



ANTHONY HARRIS

Is the US achieving non-inflationary recovery, as advertised? The recent weakness of the dollar, the rise in long bond rates above the 7 per cent mark — "psychologically important", as market wiseacres like to say of any round number — and now the weakness in US equities all say "No", or at least "Maybe not". Growth forecasts are now hedged, and inflation concerns have reappeared.

Such doubts are insidious. Rising US demand has seemed the one reliably positive factor in a depressing developed world picture; and the Clinton fiscal plan is widely taken as proof that virtue can pay. If it all seems to have gone wrong, confidence everywhere could take a knock. Yet these fears may be founded on nothing more than traders' rationalisations of price movements, and that nothing important inside the US has changed at all. Dollar weakness is a natural response to disappointing cuts in German interest rates; the small fall in the long bond may be no more than profit-taking; and Wall Street more worried about the tobacco price war than the big picture. It is important to watch the evidence as well as the prices.

Evidence of what? Before even looking at the numbers, one confusion must be cleared up: the difference between inflation and simple price increases. The inflation which worries central banks is the upward trend which is caused by the pressure of demand; and it is clearly illogical to worry, as some commentators have begun to do, about weakening demand and rising inflation at the same time. The recent rising trend in Chicago commodity futures, a natural response to very low short-term interest rates, could mark the beginning of such a trend if it was sustained. However, if it is simply a correction at the end of a long down-trend it is unlikely to worry the Fed unduly; and that appears to be Alan Greenspan's first reaction.

Then there is what David Hale has christened regulatory inflation — an endemic problem in the United States, where it is an article of faith that the law offers a cure for every ill. When polluters have to pay, or car makers have to provide ever more elaborate safety equipment, prices are pushed up. This is no more than a demonstration of Friedman's law — there is no such thing as a free lunch — and is highly unlikely to spark a trend. Indeed, the net effect is probably deflationary. The most striking recent example is the spotted-owl increase in timber prices this year; this may be one reason why the US housing recovery has slowed, and will tend to depress land prices.

Finally, there are fiscally imposed price increases, normally a feature of a deflationary package. This is not yet visible in the US price figures, but is already a factor in pessimistic forecasts.

The hydrocarbon tax and any likely health care reform will certainly tend to push prices up if they are enacted; but they will reduce the United States fiscal deficit, which is inflationary in the long run. The health care package will impose heavy costs on employers, but will be accompanied by strong measures aimed to reduce costs. This is the kind of virtuous development which is supposed to be balanced by easier, not tighter, monetary policy.

The trouble that Mr Clinton faces is that monetary policy was eased in advance of fiscal virtue; so it is logical to worry about the effects of Clintonomics on the medium-term growth prospect. What is more, the proposed Clinton tax increases, which will bear on the small company sector as well as moderately affluent citizens, cast a shadow ahead of themselves. The sharp fall in consumer confidence reported since Mr Clinton proposed his package reflects this — as does the similar reaction here to the Lamont plan for a deferred fiscal fast. Perhaps we need a modified Friedman law: there is no such thing as a Lenten blow-out.

When all this is said, though, the United States picture, so far as it can be detected through the abnormal weather, is still positive. Retail sales, order books and job creation are all rising, industrial surveys remain strong, and, most important for the medium term, record bank profits, which should end the prudential squeeze. Against this background, a modest slowdown could even be welcome. Attentive concern is rational; gloom is not.

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Industry reports seeing 'early buds of recovery'


Sir Brian: "welcome news"

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

KEY sectors of British industry supported the increasing signs of recovery yesterday with the construction and semiconductor industries reporting improvements in their business and exporters seeing "the early buds of recovery".

The building industry reported limited signs of improvement in the number of inquiries for construction work after three years of continuous decline.

But the gloom in the industry is so widespread that these improvements have not yet led contractors to expect a higher workload. The industry is forecasting a 2 per cent fall in output this year, and is still predicting that a further 50,000 building jobs will be lost this year. The latest quarterly survey from the Building Employers' Confederation of 600 member companies showed that the decline in output slowed further in the first three months of this year, and a significantly reduced number of companies expect to shed labour over the next few months.

Sir Brian Hill, the president of the Building Employers' Confederation, said: "The fact that inquiries for new work are stabilising and that firms are being increasingly successful in tendering and negotiating for new work is welcome news for the industry." But he urged caution about whether it marked the beginning of a sustained recovery, and called for further interest rate cuts as soon as possible.

The British semiconductor industry said clearly yesterday that it had moved out of recession, led by increased demand for data processing.

The Semiconductor Manufacturers' Association said that after a poor start, business improved during 1992 and this year has already begun very strongly. The total UK semiconductor market is forecast to grow by 19 per cent this year.

Semiconductors for consumer goods, such as televisions, have been a poor market, but growth is forecast in this sector — and in cars, where the association said semiconductor usage was increasing rapidly.

Exporting companies are now putting in place an export-led recovery, the Institute of Export said yesterday after survey figures showed exporters maintaining considerable optimism despite still-high unemployment. The latest quarterly survey of manufacturing exporters from DHL, the express distribution company, shows more manufacturing exporters in Britain believe the UK is ahead of its overseas competitors in coming out of recession.

The short-term export confidence level is the same as three months ago, and 31 per cent of the exporters surveyed believe they will increase their workforce over the next six months.

Ian Campbell, director-general of the institute, described the survey as "one of the most optimistic to date" and said that "a real opportunity exists for an export-led recovery. The UK's exporters — particularly manufacturing exporters — are now seizing the challenge and giving effect to this." Peter Davies, managing director of DHL International, said: "We are definitely seeing the early buds of recovery."

Signs of modest upturn fail to ignite borrowing

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ **Consumers appear ready to spend more of their income but remain reluctant to finance purchases through borrowing, setting the scene for a cash-led recovery**

A MODEST economic recovery appears to be under way but consumers and businesses remain cautious about borrowing to finance spending and investment, according to the latest statistics.

City economists said yesterday's figures showed Britain was probably emerging from recession but not strongly enough to preclude another small cut in base rates if sterling continued to strengthen or if the government wanted to reinforce signs of activity.

M0, the narrow money measure, regarded as an indication of trends in retail sales, continued to grow strongly last month, rising 1.1 per cent, and 4.9 per cent over the past year, according to the Bank of England.

Over the past three months, M0 has grown at a strong annualised rate of 9.8 per cent.

The Central Statistical Office also said its longer-leading indicator, which points to economic activity about a year ahead, rose strongly in February.

M0 has been growing above the government's old target range of 0-4 per cent for some months, suggesting a rise in interest rates.

However, Robert Lind of UBS, still expected the next move in base rates to be down rather than up, noting that the Chancellor downgraded the M0 target to a monitoring range in the budget. This makes above-target M0 growth less binding on policymakers.

Corey Miller, an analyst at Strauss Turnbull, said M0 growth suggests the economy was in the throes of a recovery that could be quite strong. If the Chancellor wanted to cut base rates, he should do so before the economic indicators become even more robust.

John Shepperd of Warburg Securities believes that, barring a run of weaker data in the near future, base rates would probably hold at 6 per cent.

This view was echoed in financial markets, where short gilts and short sterling futures are not now anticipating lower interest rates. He noted that M0 growth was, if anything, stronger in the latter half of the month, suggesting consumers were not put off by the Budget's tough message.

Set against these positive indicators was confirmation that broad money M4, a good measure of commercial borrowing from banks, grew only 3.3 per cent in the year to February, below the bottom of the Treasury's old monitoring range of 4-8 per cent, but just inside the new lower limit of 3 per cent set in the Budget.

In addition, net new consumer credit failed to match City expectations, rising only £49 million in February, against £151 million in January, which seemed to reflect a burst of January sales bargain-hunting.

Although the latest month's figure was disappointingly weak, the trend seems to be strengthening. In the three months to February, net lending to consumers totalled £305 million against £64 million in the quarter to November 1992.

The credit and money supply figures together show that consumers are prepared to spend more of their income but remain reluctant to finance purchases through borrowing.

Mr Shepperd said: "The fact that we appear to be having a cash- and income-led recovery rather than a credit-driven one means the economic revival should have a secure foundation."

However, some economists believe the experience of crippling debt built up in the 1980s will continue to act as a drag on consumers, perhaps for years to come.

The Ernst & Young Item Club, the only private-sector company that uses the Treasury's economic model, said in its latest quarterly assessment: "The enduring effect of excessive personal debt poses substantial risks to the recovery of the UK economy this year."

TIM BISHOP


Bigger tot-up: John Goodwin, of Highland Distilleries, pays more at half time

Fighting spirit at Highland

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

HIGHLAND Distilleries, maker of *The Famous Grouse*, fought off the mounting competitive pressures in the whisky industry to send operating profits 13 per cent higher in the six months to end-February at £13.3 million, helped by a 21 per cent rise in the value of its exports.

The interim dividend is raised from 1.45p to 1.6p. Profits at the pre-tax level were ahead from £14.7 million to £21.2 million, but £5.1 million of this comes from the decision to equity-account the group's 35.4 per cent stake in Robertson & Baxter, the blender of *Cutty Sark* and Highland's joint venture partner in *The Famous Grouse*, rather than merely take the dividend. Sales of new malt fillings to other whisky manufacturers fell by 21 per cent in the first half and are expected to fall again in 1993, as customers' own sales are squeezed by the recession.

Highland has chosen to repay a Fr300 million loan taken out to help finance its 30 per cent holding in Orpar, the controlling shareholder of Rémy Cointreau, the French drinks group, after French interest rates turned against it. The repayment gave rise to a loss of £4.9 million, but this was taken through the balance sheet and added to the cost of the investment. Despite the need to repay this loan, net debt reduced from £10 million at the start of the year to £2.8 million.

John Goodwin, the chairman, said the Budget had slightly altered the respective duties on wine and whisky in the latter's favour, but the burden was still falling disproportionately on the Scotch whisky industry. "I think we're at the first of 15 rounds, but we intend to keep the campaign going," he said.

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Crucible looks east for growth

BY OUR CITY STAFF

MORGAN Crucible, the speciality materials company, believes 1993 will be one of mixed blessings. Dr Bruce Farmer, managing director, says European markets will remain difficult but growth is possible in parts of the Far East.

The group is holding its total dividend at 12.6p a share after an 8 per cent rise in turnover to £684 million and a 6 per cent increase in operating profit to £70.7 million for the year to January 3. Pre-tax profits were £61.3 million (£48.1 million).

Dr Farmer says 52 per cent of sales were in the healthier markets of North America, South-east Asia and the Pacific Rim, which, with Australia, hold the best prospects for growth this year.

The group spent £16.9 million on further bolt-on acquisitions. But while there are plenty of acquisition opportunities, Dr Farmer says it can afford to be choosy. "Some companies in America are under chapter 11, others in Germany are in the hands of the banks. So we can afford to bide our time in what we buy."

The group spent £12 million on research and development and £40 million on capital expenditure. Last year's acquisitions contributed £10.5 million of sales and £1.8 million to operating profits.

Morgan Crucible cut staff numbers by 400 to 12,000. A similar reduction will be made in the first half of 1993.

The carbon division achieved higher sales and market share in the automotive and consumer products sectors, though operating profit fell on weaker demand in aerospace, steel and specialty products.

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Farmer: payout held

Tax relief dispute compromise

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

CANNON Street Investments has stopped its court action against Avonside, its former housebuilding subsidiary, over which firm should benefit from tax relief on losses made before Avonside was floated off in March last year.

Craig Slater, Avonside's group finance director, confirmed yesterday that the two sides had reached a compromise over part of the disputed £2.5 million tax relief.

Cannon Street had surrendered almost £8 million of losses made in 1991 to Avonside. It argued that as the losses were surrendered before October 1, when tax is due to the Inland Revenue, payment of the £2.5 million tax relief was due from Avonside in October. Avonside refused to release the money until the Revenue confirmed the losses were valid for tax purposes.

The Revenue has confirmed some of the relief is valid and Avonside has agreed to pay part of the amount due to Cannon Street, understood to be less than half. Mr Slater said Avonside had agreed to pay the rest when it receives confirmation that the entire tax loss is acceptable.

MB-Caradon seeks acquisitions

BY SARAH BAGNALL

MB-CARADON, the building products and US cheque printing group, is looking for acquisition opportunities after last Friday's £473 million sale of its 25.3 per cent stake in CarnaudMetalbox, the pan-European packaging group.

Peter Jansen, group chief executive, said the company wanted to specialise in building material products rather than diversifying into a conglomerate and was positive about the outlook in Britain. He said the company was prepared to wait until the right opportunities arose, despite the return of less than 6 per cent the company was earning on its £400 million plus cash pile. The way forward could be to make "one big or two to three medium-sized moves. We don't want to fritter away the money on small purchases," he added.

The news came as Caradon announced better than expected profits of £125.7 million for the year to end-December 1992. The rise was aided by the October 1991 rights issue, which reduced interest charges from £20 million to £5.1 million. A final dividend of 5.9p makes a total of 8.65p, a 2.6 per cent increase from last time. The dividend was covered 1.8 times.

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FT Group chief quits over 'differences'

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

DAVID Palmer, who joined the *Financial Times* nearly 30 years ago as a graduate trainee and rose to the position of chief executive of the Financial Times Group, left yesterday "because of differences in management style".

In a second FT-related item yesterday, the Office of Fair Trading said it was referring FT Profile, the database of financial and business information, which is owned by The Financial Times Group, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for an enquiry that is expected to last nine months.

Pearson, the ultimate owner of the Financial Times Group, under which falls its newspaper and economic magazine interests, declined to amplify the "differences of management style" that led to Mr Palmer's departure, but said it "takes two to have a difference".

Mr Palmer, 52, would, as a senior executive, have been on a service contract, although his salary has not been disclosed. The group would not comment on a suggestion that the differences arose out of Pearson's current discussions with Thorn EMI regarding that group's 58.9 per cent stake in Thames Television.

Mr Palmer is succeeded by David Bell, who has been with the FT for 21 years and is advertisement and marketing director and managing director designate of the *Financial Times* newspaper. Pearson said it took the opportunity of the changes yesterday to appoint Frank Barlow, its managing director, as chairman of the Financial Times Group, succeeding Lord Blakenham, who has been chairman for the past nine years. Lord Blakenham is chairman of Pearson Group.

In reaction to the MMC reference, Fred Perkins, managing director of Financial Times Information Services, said he was confident the MMC would find that the FT holds no monopolistic position within the £700 million UK market for electronic information retrieval.

He said: "FT Profile had total revenues last year of £12 million. The US-based competitors in the FT Profile's markets all had revenues of several hundred million dollars." The MMC reference was "unnecessary and unjustified by the facts", Mr Perkins added. The FT would co-operate with the enquiry, though it would involve unnecessary expenditure and diversion of senior management resources at a critical time.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Pirelli sells stake and options in Continental

PIRELLI, the Italian tyre and cables group, is selling its direct 5 per cent stake, as well as options, in Continental, the German tyre company, for DM250 a share. The company said it would be paid a net 330 billion lire (£137 million), amounting to a capital gain of L140 billion this year. Payment will be made on December 30.

The agreement covered the full 39 per cent of Continental's stock amassed by Pirelli and its allies during a failed bid in 1990 and 1991. The sale price was higher than the DM220-DM240 that German companies were rumoured to be offering when news of an impending deal broke last month. The total number of shares involved was 2.93 million. Pirelli said it would first exercise the buy options on the Continental stock before selling the stock, with its own 5 per cent stake, to German investors. The company also forecast net debt of about L2,000 billion by the end of this year, in part due to the stake sale, from L2,600 trillion at the end of last year.

Seeboard sheds jobs

SEEBOARD, the electricity supply company that covers most of Kent and Sussex, is to divide its core business into supply and distribution operations, shedding up to 600 jobs. Another 120 computing workers will be transferred to Andersen Consulting, which will take over management of the company's systems. Jim Ellis, Seeboard's chief executive, hoped most job losses could be achieved by natural wastage and early retirement. He has 400 volunteers. Talks in progress with the unions could further affect staffing levels.

Abbey hoists insurance

ABBEY National is increasing its household insurance premiums by an average 26 per cent from the start of next month to cover the rising cost of theft. The rises will take effect from the date that policies are renewed, but some households will be hit with an extra bill, which could push up premiums by well over a third. Customers whose renewal date falls between May and the end of the year will also pay the 10 per cent increase in premiums announced in December last year, taking the total average rise to 37 per cent.

BA passengers up 12%

BRITISH Airways said its scheduled paying passenger traffic in March increased 11.8 per cent on a year ago. Scheduled passenger capacity rose 10.8 per cent and load factor rose 0.7 percentage points to 69.6 per cent. BA said the rise in load factor was the first increase year-on-year since August last year. But its higher earning first and business class traffic was down 4 per cent in the fourth quarter. For the financial year ending in March, BA said its passenger traffic rose 12.3 per cent while capacity was up 11.3 per cent.

L&M moves ahead

A CHANGE in accounting helped lift 1992 profits before tax and exceptionals at London & Manchester Group, the life assurer, from £15.4 million to £17.1 million. The change, approved by the DTI, allows L&M to transfer funds from its life fund at a faster rate than before. As a result, post-tax profits from ordinary life business, collected through banking systems, advanced £4.6 million to £13.8 million. The final dividend advanced 0.5p to 9.6p, making a total for the year of 14.25p, an increase of 5 per cent.

Lamont slips to £6m

LAMONT Holdings, the carpets to textiles group, is maintaining its dividend despite a 22.3 per cent decline in full-year profits, after losses at Shaw Carpets and ICS Computing, its carpets and computing operations, based in Northern Ireland. Pre-tax profits fell to £6.31 million in the year to end-December (£8.11 million). Earnings slide to 16.09p (21.84p) a share. The final dividend is maintained at 8.5p a share, giving an unchanged total of 12p. Lamont shares eased 3p to 310p.

Home Counties slides

START-UP and promotion costs at several new titles, combined with difficult trading conditions, hit profits at Home Counties Newspapers. The local newspaper publishing group is cutting its final dividend to 3.25p (5.5p), for a total 6p (8.25p), after a 29.2 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £747,000 in the year to end-December. The profits fell despite a £512,000 (£189,000) exceptional gain from the sale of investments. Earnings edged up to 7.2p (7.15p) a share. Turnover was £22.9 million, against £21.5 million last time.

Sears to sell Galliford to managers

BY CARL MORTISHED

SEARS, the retailing group that owns Selfridges, is selling Galliford Sears, its housebuilding division, to its management for £27.1 million. Sears will incur a loss of £28 million on the disposal and the company intends to take the hit as an extraordinary item in its results for the year to January, due this month.

The 18-strong buyout team is putting up £500,000 for a 15 per cent equity stake. Additional funding is being provided by Schroder Ventures, which is backing the deal with £10 million of equity, and Midland Bank, which is lending £16 million.

Galliford has not made a profit for Sears in the past three years, and last year, the division made a pre-interest loss, after land revaluations, of £7.5 million on sales of £48 million. David Brill, chief executive of Galliford, said the company sold 545 homes last year at an average price of £90,000, compared with an average plot cost in its 1,200 unit land bank of £10,000. He believes the market is picking up, with reservations 20 per cent ahead of last year.

Sears signalled its intention to pull out of housebuilding in 1990, but decided to trade out rather than sell in the hope of a recovery in the market. According to Sears' 1992 accounts, the division's net assets were £84 million in 1991, but fell to £65 million last year, and further adjustments were made before disposal, leaving a book value of £55 million.

GPA holds talks on US funds

FROM REUTER
IN DUBLIN

GPA Group, the world's largest aircraft leasing company, has held talks with GE Capital, a unit of General Electric of the US, about investing in GPA's $200 million preference share issue, according to aviation sources. A spokesman for GPA declined to comment.

GPA, which has bank debts of $5.5 billion, is undergoing a financial restructuring after the failure of its public flotation. Completion of the restructuring hinges on a successful outcome of the equity issue. The restructuring involves a rescheduling of its bank debts and of its orders to leading aircraft manufacturers. GPA aims to complete the convertible preference share issue by mid-April, with the preference shares convertible into ordinary shares at a price of $1 per share, compared with more than $20 per share for the failed flotation last summer.

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Executive pay rising at 3 times inflation

As the level of pay rises slows down, companies are also reducing car allowances and other benefits, and cutting redundancy pay-offs to the statutory minimum

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE fall in executive pay increases is slowing, even though pay rises for Britain's company executives are still more than three times the level of inflation.

Figures published yesterday by Noble Lowndes, the consultant, show that in the six months to end-March, executive salaries rose an average of 5.7 per cent. The latest figure for retail price inflation is 1.8 per cent.

Although executive pay rises are still falling, with the figure down from 6.2 per cent in the previous six months, Noble Lowndes said that on the evidence of the pay of more than 5,300 executives in 422 companies, the decline was slowing, with the rate of decline lower than it was six months ago. The number of executives having their pay frozen is also declining, at 6.3 per cent, compared with 7.1 per cent last year.

However, Andy Christie, Noble Lowndes remuneration director, said pay rises for executives were still low. He said: "In the current recessionary climate — and with the government's 1.5 per cent ceiling on public sector pay rises — companies have fewer inhibitions about allocating low base salary awards," he said. Companies were also reducing car allowances and other benefits and cutting redundancy pay-offs to the statutory minimum.

Within the overall figures, the proportion of executives receiving "low" salary awards was rising. Fifty-six per cent received rises of 3 to 6 per cent, compared with 29 per cent last year, while the proportion receiving rises of 3 per cent rose from 2 per cent a year ago to 11 per cent now. Noble Lowndes said: "This shift is representative of the general lowering of individual base salary increases from their dizzy heights of old." But it said there was a "dogged determination" in a large part of the market for settlements to stick at about 3 to 4 per cent, with "more and more pay deals reflecting ability to pay rather than political ideology and leadership".

A further survey, from the Reward pay group, shows that living costs have fallen across the country. On average, the income required to maintain living standards is now 5.1 per cent less than it was a year ago.

Reward says today that the decline in costs is accelerating, falling fastest in greater London, down 7 per cent down, and the South East, down 6.2 per cent. The fall in required income is least in Northern Ireland, at 2.3 per cent and East Anglia at 3.5 per cent.

For families owning their own property, total costs, including housing, have fallen nearly 8 per cent compared with last year, although for families renting council properties, costs have risen nearly 4 per cent because they have not had the benefit of the fall in mortgage rates.

The Reward survey uses pay figures to rank the most expensive and the cheapest areas in terms of income required to maintain living standards. Among specific towns, Woking, Surrey, is the most expensive, followed by Welwyn and Berkhampsted, Hertfordshire, and Slough, Berkshire, while at the bottom is Peterhead, Grampian, Thurso, Highlands, and Doncaster and Barnsley, South Yorkshire.



Clearing the decks: Gus Macdonald, left, Scottish TV's managing director, and William Brown, the chairman

Scottish TV lifts profits to £10m

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SCOTTISH Television, which faces the lowest bill from the government of all the independent TV companies under the new franchise round starting this year, took the opportunity in 1992 to carry out a radical deck-clearing exercise before the new system gets under way.

After trading profits improved from £11 million to £16.5 million, Scottish took £4.6 million in exceptional costs associated with reorganisation and redundancies and also wrote off the £1.8 million it contributed to the start-up costs of Good Morning Television, the breakfast TV franchise winner.

That left pre-tax profits ahead from £8.62 million to £10.14 million for 1992. The final dividend was boosted to 8.2031p (6.5625p), making a total ahead to 9.9281p (8p).

Advertising revenue was up 3 per cent, in line with the industry. Programme sales were 32 per cent ahead to £23.2 million, and Scottish is looking for another increase for 1993, helped by new series such as *Dr Finlay*.

Don Kinloch, the finance director, said the first quarter of 1993 had been flat in advertising revenue, in contrast with the experience of some other independent contractors who have reported increases. But he said those reports were "a wee bit suspect" and Scottish does not think it has lost market share.

William Brown, the chairman, said expectation of real growth in advertising income, however, would now have to be deferred until the second half. The restructuring had left core staff levels reduced from 599 in 1991 to 360 in 1993, and internal reconstruction was now almost complete.

The group has £16.6 million of cash in the bank and expects to be cash-positive in 1993, aided by its requirement under the franchise to pay just £2,000 and 2 per cent of revenue to the government. GMTV is currently making a loss, and first profits are not expected until 1994, however.

T&S Stores margins squeezed

BY CARL MORTISHED

HIGH street competition is hurting margins at T&S Stores, the tobacconist and newsagents chain whose pre-tax profits fell from £13.4 million to £12.5 million in the 53 weeks to January 2.

Sales at the group's 580 outlets grew 10 per cent to £345 million but the depressed property market reduced profits from business disposals to £25,000, compared with £550,000 last year.

Operating profits from the Supercigs stores fell 16 per cent to £3.2 million due to price competition after last year's tax increases on cigarettes. Kevin Threlfall, T&S chairman, is now cutting the prices on top-selling magazines by as much as 10 per cent in order to increase discounts.

Dillons Convenience Stores, which sell groceries as well as tobacco and newspapers, were the best performers, with a 30 per cent rise in turnover and a 25 per cent increase in operating profits to £3.9 million. Dillons confectionery, tobacco and newsagents (CTN) increased their contribution to £5.6 million.

The dividend rises 7 per cent to 5.9p, which is covered by earnings of 15.17p (15.71p) per share.

Thompson Clive pegs payout

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THOMPSON Clive Investments, which provides venture capital for unlisted companies, reported a fall in pre-tax profits from £539,000 to £451,000 for the year to end-December 1992. Earnings per share fell from 4.2p to 3.5p and the dividend was held at 3.8p a share.

Thompson's fully diluted net asset value rose 14 per cent to 188.6p a share, while the undiluted value rose 15 per cent to 196.2p a share. Gross revenue was £1.3 million, compared with £1.4 million. During the year £1.2 million was invested in eight companies, of which four were in the company's portfolio. Three of the new investments were computer-related. Investments with an original cost of £420,000 were realised for £1.7 million.

Thompson opted to retain its holding in Holliday Chemical Holdings, which was the subject of a placing and offer for sale at a price that valued Thompson's holding at £2.4 million.

At the end of the year Thompson had a portfolio of 40 investments, of which 25, representing 76 per cent of the portfolio value, were in Britain, 13 in the US and two in France.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

DENSITRON INTNL (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.01m
EPS: 4.0p (LPS: 5.5p)
Div: 1p, mkg 1.4p (nil)
There was a £377,000 loss last time. There is an exceptional loss of £68,000. Turnover rose to £41m (£36.4m). Trading still difficult.

DINKIE HEEL (Fin)
Pre-tax: £200,568
EPS: 1.31p (1.82p)
Div: 0.6p, mkg 0.95p
Last time's profit was £258,885. Last time's total dividend was 0.95p. Turnover up 7% to £6.67m. Exports grew by 23% to £1.6m.

DOLPHIN PACKAGING
Pre-tax: £1.51m (£3.03m)
EPS: 5.22p (10.55p)
Div: 2.8p, mkg 4.5p
Final results. Last time's total dividend was 4.5p. Sales fell to £25.6m (£27.8m) with difficult trading conditions throughout year.

INTNL FOOD MACHINERY
Pre-tax: £1.05m (£6m)
EPS: 6.79p (49.83p)
Div: Nil
Final results. Comparative figures restated under FRS3. Turnover rose to £9.61m (£6.61m). Group plans to pay an interim dividend in October.

ROSKEL (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.16m Loss
LPS: 5.46p (EPS: 7.22p)
Div: 3p, mkg 4.3p (4.3p)
There was a profit of £1.57m last time. There was an exceptional loss of £2.4m. Turnover advanced to £47.5m (£43.4m).

WESCOL GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £13,000
EPS: 0.1p (LPS: 3.6p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Last time there was a loss of £379,000. Turnover fell to £8.18m (£9.76m). Group said current order intake augurs well for the future.

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General Accident

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ANNUAL REPORT 1992

Decisive management action produced a substantial recovery in General Accident's operating performance during 1992. A pre-tax loss for the year of £29.3m represented an improvement of almost £143m, despite losses on Hurricane 'Andrew' of £65m net.

During 1992, the company also enhanced its considerable financial strength. The following information is taken from the group's latest Annual Report, published on 5th April, 1993:

	1992	1991
General Premiums	£3,831m	£3,219m
Technical Reserves	£5,668m	£4,578m
Free Reserves	£1,629m	£1,373m
Cash Inflow from Operations	£331m	£237m

Net assets of £1,629m take no account of the value of General Accident's growing life assurance business. Calculated on a conservative basis and excluding any estimate for the value of future profits, the group's long-term business is valued at almost £450m.

Nelson Robertson, Chief Executive, comments in his Operational Review: "Our objectives in the current year remain firmly centred on the achievement of further underwriting improvement. Our performance will benefit increasingly through the year from the actions we have taken and are continuing to take and . . . we anticipate further progress in 1993."

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Gulf states 'need $65bn to lift output'

THE five big Gulf Opec members must reassess their capital raising policy if they are to find the estimated $60-$70 billion needed to boost production capacity by the end of the decade, Sir Peter Walters, Midland Bank chairman, said.

"Some Gulf countries will have to decide whether their capital requirements will be met by the appropriation of scarce national funds, possibly to the detriment of non-oil projects, or alternatively by co-operation with international oil companies and possibly consumer governments," Sir Peter told an oil conference.

He said world oil demand was expected to rise by about 10 million barrels per day (bpd) by the year 2000 from 76 million bpd with most of the incremental supply coming from the five main Gulf producers. These are Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait, Iraq and the UAE who between them control 84 per cent of Opec's reserves.

Adidas confirms DM149m loss

Adidas, the German sports goods company, has confirmed a loss of DM149 million last year against a profit of DM15 million in 1991.

An Adidas spokesman said figures published in the newspaper *Die Welt* were "an excerpt from our annual report". The figures were meant to be published tomorrow at the annual meeting, when Robert Louis-Dreyfus, the new majority shareholder, takes over as management board chairman.

The Adidas parent made a loss of DM76 million in 1992 (DM4.7 million profit). Group sales fell to DM2.75 billion from DM3.35 billion.

Provisions for future risks and restructuring costs were mainly to blame for the loss. The company expects to return to profitability this year.

BT contract

BT's Global Network Services business has won a five-year contract to supply Eurocontrol, the European air-traffic control agency based in Brussels, with a pan-European digital data network. This will help provide a central overview of air traffic throughout Europe for the first time. The system will link 150 locations throughout Europe and help Eurocontrol, which operates for 14 national authorities, to ease traffic delays.

Yields falling

Yields on prime investment property are falling due to the pressure on investor money, says Healey & Baker's *Quarterly Market Report*. Average yields on prime property in a sample of 72 locations showed a fall from 8.49 per cent in December 1992 to 8.44 per cent at end-March. The largest fall recorded was in the office market where yields fell from 9.55 to 9.44 per cent while retail fell from 6.35 to 6.33 per cent and industrials from 9.58 to 9.55 per cent.

STOCK MARKET

Buyers head for the sidelines

SHARE prices embarked on the second leg of the long three-week Easter account still feeling the effects of Friday's sharp reversal of fortunes on Wall Street.

The shorter working week meant that investors in London were in no rush to open fresh positions and patiently waited for prices to show signs of bottoming out before making their next move. A firmer trend in New York after the weekend enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close just above its worst of the day, with a fall of 31.1 points, after 35 points, to 2,838.8.

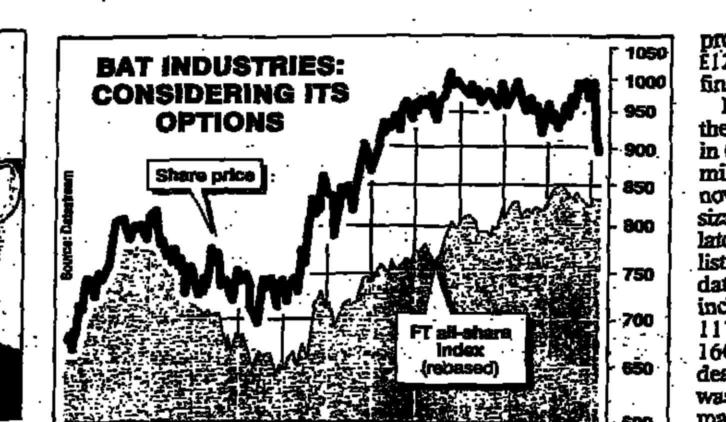
The lethargic view of most investors was clearly reflected in turnover levels that were pitifully low, with only 437 million shares traded.

There were also other factors to take into account for the fall in the index, including three companies among the top 100 going ex-dividend. These included **National Power**, down 5½p at 345p, **Pearson**, unchanged at 417p, and **British Airways**, 20p off at 275p. The latter failed to be cheered by news of a 10 per cent rise in passenger traffic during March. Analysts claim the airline is still failing to attract the big spenders.

BAT Industries also put a dampner on proceedings with its shares remaining under pressure as the price dropped a further 42½p to 895p, for a two-day loss of 144p. This was the equivalent of a four-point fall in the index. The group is still evaluating the impact of rival Philip Morris' decision to cut the price of Marlboro, its premium brand cigarettes, by as much as 20 per cent in America in order to boost market share. A spokesman for BAT said the company was still in the process of considering its response because the statement from Philip Morris was unclear. But brokers claim the worries have been overdone. They say BAT does not compete directly with Philip Morris at the premium brand end of the market, only at the discount end. **Rothmans International** was another weak market, losing 15p at 642p.



Sorrell: price improved



Mirror Group Newspapers jumped 11p to 115p despite plunging into the red last year with pre-tax losses of £84 million, against a profit of £47.3 million last time. The figure was struck after charges and write-downs totalling £116.5 million relating to reorganisation and plant costs. Underlying profits were also hit by a £17.9 million charge to replenish the company's pension fund, plundered by Robert Maxwell.

WPP Group, which used to boast the title of the world's biggest advertising agency, rose 3p to 64p along with the fully-paid as Panmure Gordon, the broker, disposed of the rump of the group's recent rights issue. The 39.7 million shares not taken up by investors were placed with various institutions at 60p each.

The WPP share price has continued to improve since details of the proposed rights issue were announced. Brokers claim this underlines the level of faith fund managers are willing to place in chairman Martin Sorrell's ability to revive the group's fortunes.

Not everyone was impressed with recent better than expected figures from Evered Bardon. NatWest, the broker, says the company is well run, but argues that high debt levels will act as a ball and chain on the share price.

Seeboard, the electricity distributor serving parts of London and the entire South East, firmed 2p to 511p after announcing plans to axe 700 jobs during the next three years. The group is also moving its headquarters and closing three customer outlets.

Morgan Crucible is to cut a further 400 jobs in the first half of this year after similar moves last year. Trading in Europe remained difficult and the best growth prospects were in North America, South East Asia, Australia and the Pacific Rim. The group announced full-year pre-tax profits of £61.3 million (£48.1 million). The shares fell 30p to 297p.

There was more encouraging news for shareholders of **MB-Caradon** with the building products group reporting higher than expected pre-tax profits up from £106 million to £125.7 million. The shares finished 2p easier at 318p.

Last week, MB announced the sale of its 25 per cent stake in CarnaudMetalbox for £473 million. It is reckoned MB is now on the lookout for a sizable acquisition. The speculators have already drawn up a list of the most likely candidates on MB's hit list, which includes **Pilkington**, up 3p at 117p, **Norcros**, 2p better at 160p, and **Hepworth**, 8p dearer at 348p. Traders said it was an impressive performance from all three, considering the rest of the market was suffering such sharp falls.

The green shoots of recovery may be coming through, but NatWest Securities, the broker, says that is no reason to rush out and buy cyclical stocks. Instead, it has drawn up a list of quality blue chips that appear friendless and undervalued. NatWest points out that cyclical issues in the 1980s only started to perform strongly once the recovery was under way and earnings had started to grow.

Its says the good run this time round has already been discounted by the market. Among its list of recommended stocks are **Grand Metropolitan**, 1p firmer at 434p, **Guinness**, down 7p at 489p, **Argyll**, down 4p at 337p, **J. Sainsbury**, 9p off at 478p, and **SmithKline Beecham 'A'**, 9p lower at 413p. It also urges profit taking in **Royal Insurance**, 1p easier at 315p, and **Wolseley**, steady at 586p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

Dow fails to build on early progress

New York — Shares traded slightly lower after an early rally was met with little sustaining enthusiasm.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down about three points at 3,368 in early trading and declines led advances by eight to six. "The market opened in a knee-jerk reaction to Friday's sell-off," said Kenneth Ducey, vice-president at BT Brokerage. "People took another look and saw the market was overinflated."

☐ **Tokyo** — The market ended firmer in heavy trade, though off the day's highs, with foreign and individual investors actively chasing undervalued large-capital issues, brokers said. Anticipation of an economic stimulus package by the government offset investors' worries about a stronger yen. The 225-share Nikkei average was up 312.52 points or 1.61 per cent to 19,759.46, with an estimated 1.2 billion shares traded.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares largely shrugged off Friday's big fall on Wall Street to close slightly lower with positive reports on the local market by Japanese brokers boosting shares, brokers said. The all-ordinaries index closed down 13 points at 1,670.1.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended a quiet pre-Easter holiday session little changed and traders see prices trapped in thin bands over the next two holiday-truncated weeks. The 30-share Dax index ended down 3.06 points at 1,658.69.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The stock market was closed for a public holiday.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares continued their record-breaking run as private investors joined institutions to accumulate their holdings, brokers said. The 30-share Straits Times industrial index passed the 1,700 level to close up 17.22 points at 1,705.38. About 271.1 million shares were traded. *Reuter*

Japan sees growth light at end of recession tunnel

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S prolonged economic slide may not be over yet, but anticipation is building that after a year and a half the end may be in sight.

Analysts said economic indicators, while still mixed, for the first time may support government predictions of recovery from one of the worst postwar downturns in six months' time. But most economists agree the pace of recovery will be slow and uneven.

"Numerous indicators suggest that the Japanese economy is at a turning point," said Jim Vestal, economist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd.



Bright spots: Yasushi Mieno, central bank chief

Yasushi Mieno, Bank of Japan governor, addressing the bank's branch managers yesterday, acknowledged the economy remained sluggish, but said some bright spots were showing, setting the stage for recovery in the second half of this fiscal year, which started on April 1.

Economists base their optimism on signs that the long-awaited increase in consumer spending could be imminent and gains in the stock market. New car sales and housing starts have shown signs of life, as has industrial production.

The stock market, which some view as a barometer of economic trends, appears confident of recovery, approaching the key 20,000 level — not seen in more than a year.

However, hints of improved consumer spending could be quashed by rising unemployment and the lowest wage rises in years.

The government forecasts 3.3 per cent growth this fiscal year but economists predict a lower rate. Japanese consumers, big spenders in the late 1980s, are stocked with consumer goods. Companies also have little need to fund more plant and equipment.

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Bundesbank acts to end gold sale talk

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

HELMUT Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, has moved quickly to kill off a renewed wave of speculation, some of it politically inspired, that the Bundesbank is to sell off some of its 3,000 tonnes of official gold reserves.

Advocates of the bullion disposal have argued increasingly in recent weeks that gold is no longer a necessary component of official reserves and could be sold to help reduce the huge fiscal burden of German unification. Belgium and The Netherlands have already conducted some gold sales from their central bank reserves, the Dutch setting a target of selling a quarter of their total holdings.

But Herr Schlesinger, in an interview in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, said the Bundesbank would not sell its gold to finance the reconstruction of east Germany. Neither did the bank consider its gold reserves excessive relative to other countries, such as France and Belgium, he said.

Herr Schlesinger rejected the argument that gold has lost its reserve role, saying that it provided a reserve asset with no currency risk attached.

Frankfurt economists said gold sales by other central banks had been expected to increase pressure on the Bundesbank to follow suit. However, they saw little chance of the Bundesbank selling gold if it continued to pursue a strong mark policy aimed at getting inflation down to its medium-term target level of 2 per cent a year. Any sales might be perceived as a sign that the Bundesbank was softening its stance.

RECENT ISSUES

Anglo United Warrants	½	...
David Lloyd Leisure (150)	176	−2
Forgn & Col US Smler Co	103	−1
Forgn & Col US Smler Wts	41	...
Hambros Ins Service	145	...
Intl Food Machinery (51)	78	−1
Motor World (210)	276	−1
Pilot Ivstmnt Trust	97½	...
Pilot Investment Wts	27	...
Quality Software Prods	468	−15
Schroder Split Fd (100)	104½	...
Schroder Split Fd Cap (20)	20	...
Schroder Split 0 Div Pf	101¾	+½
Wts & Value Inv Tst (25)	25½	...
Yorkshire Food (110)	135	−1

RIGHTS ISSUES

BBA n/p (142)	9½	−3
BSG n/p (62)	1¼	−1
Bilston & Btrsea n/p (20)	11	...
Clyde Petroleum n/p (44)	4	...
Cupid n/p (28)	6	−1

WALL STREET

	Apr 5 midday	Apr 2 close
AMP Inc	59⅞	59⅞
AMR Corp	64	63⅞
Abbott Labs	25⅛	25
Aetna Life	48⅛	48⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	18⅛	18⅛
Air Prod & Chem	43⅞	42⅞
Albertson's	54⅛	54⅞
Alcan Aluminm	18⅛	18⅛
Alco Standard	44⅞	44⅞
Allied Signal	65⅛	65
Alum Co of Am	64⅞	64⅞
Amax	16⅞	16⅞
Amerada Hess	53⅞	52⅞
Amer Brands	30⅛	30
Amer Cyanamid	50⅞	50⅞
Amer El Power	36⅞	36⅞
Amer Express	27⅛	27
Amer Genl Corp	30⅞	30⅞
Amer Home Pr	64	63⅞
Amer Intl	128	127⅞
Amer Stores	41⅛	41⅞
Amer T & T	56	56⅞
Ameritech	77⅞	77⅞
Amoco	58⅞	57⅞
Anheuser-Busch	52⅞	52⅞
Apple Computer	50	50⅞
Archer Daniels	25⅞	25⅞
Arkla	9⅞	9
Armco	7	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	34	33⅞
Asarco	23	23⅞
Ashland Oil	26⅞	26⅞
Atl Richfield	120⅞	117⅞
Auto Data Pro	52⅞	52⅞
Avery Dennison	28⅞	28⅞
Avon Products	60⅞	61⅛
Baker Hughes	23⅞	22⅞
Baltim Gas & El	24⅞	24⅞
Banc One	57⅞	58⅞
BankAmerica	49⅞	49⅞
Bank of NY	57⅞	58⅞
Bankers Tr NY	70⅞	69⅞
Barnett Banks	45⅞	45⅞
Bausch & Lomb	54⅞	53⅛
Baxter Intl	29⅞	29
Becton Dickson	34⅞	34⅞
Bell Atlantic	54⅞	54⅛
BellSouth	55⅞	55⅞
Black & Decker	17⅞	18⅞
Block (H&R)	36⅞	36
Boeing	34⅞	34⅛
Boise Cascade	24⅞	23⅞
Borden Inc	26⅞	26⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	57⅞	57⅞
Browning Ferris	25⅞	25⅞
Burlington Nthn	51	50⅞
CBS	225	223⅞
CNA Financial	94⅞	92⅞
CPC Intl	42⅞	43⅞
CSX	68⅞	69⅞
Campbell Soup	43⅞	43⅞
Can Pacific	14⅞	15
Cpd Cities ABC	535⅞	543
Cpd Holdings	77⅞	77
Carolina Pwr	32	32⅞
Caterpillar	57⅞	58⅞
Central & SW	32⅞	32⅞
Champion Intl	30	30⅞
Chase Manhat	33⅞	33⅞
Chemical Bk	39	38⅞
Chevron Corp	82⅞	81⅞
Chrysler	37⅞	37⅞
Chubb Corp	93⅞	93
Cigna Corp	60⅞	60⅞
Citicorp	28⅞	28
Clorox	49⅞	50⅞
Coastal Corp	26⅞	26⅞
Coca Cola	41⅞	42
Colgate-Palmolive	61	64⅞
Columbia Gas	21⅞	21⅛
Commwlth Ed	28	27⅞
Compaq Corp	47⅞	46⅞
Comp Ass Int	23	22⅞
Conagra	27⅞	27⅞
Cons Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Cons Nat Gas	49⅞	49
Cons Rail	56⅞	56⅞
Cooper Inds	47⅞	47⅞
Corning Inc	33⅞	33⅞
Crown Cork	39⅞	39
Dana Corp	45⅞	45⅞
Dayton Hudson	80⅞	80⅞
Deere	54⅞	54
Delta Air Lines	51⅞	51⅛
Deluxe Corp	43	43
Detroit Edison	34⅞	34⅛
Digital Equip	42⅞	42⅞
Dillard Dept St	44	43⅞
Disney (Walt)	43⅞	43⅞
Dominion Res	43⅞	43⅞
Donelley (RR)	29	28⅞
Dover Corp	47⅞	47⅞
Dow Chemicals	51	50⅞
Dow Jones	32⅞	31⅞
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	39	39⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	58⅞	58⅞
Du Pont	48⅞	48⅞
Eastman Kodak	52⅞	52⅞
Eaton Corp	85⅞	85⅞
Emerson Elec	58	58⅞
Engelhard Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Enron Corp	59	59
Entergy Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Ethyl Corp	29	28⅞
Exxon	67⅞	66⅞
FMC Corp	46⅞	47⅞
FPL Group	36⅞	36⅞
Federal Express	53⅞	52⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	77⅞	77
First Chicago	40⅞	40⅞
First Interstate	56⅞	56⅞
First Union Rlty	11⅛	11⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	34⅞	35
Fluor Corp	41⅞	41⅞
Ford Motor	51⅞	51⅞
GTE Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Gannett	52⅞	51⅞
Gap Inc Del	31⅞	31⅞
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	99	98⅞
Gen Electric	89⅞	89
Gen Mills	68⅞	70⅞
Gen Motors	37⅞	37⅞
Gen Reinsurance	114⅞	114⅞
Gen Signal	63⅞	64
Genuine Parts	35⅞	35⅞
Georgia Pac	60⅞	58⅞
Gillette	58⅞	59⅞
Glaxo ADR	17⅞	17⅞
Goodrich (BF)	47⅞	48⅞
Goodyear Tire	74⅛	74⅛
Grace (W&R)	38⅞	38⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅞	25⅞
Great Wstn Fin	17⅞	17⅞
Halliburton	36⅞	35⅞
Heinz (HJ)	38⅞	38⅞
Hercules	74	74
Hershey Foods	53⅞	53
Hewlett Packard	73⅞	73
Hilton Hotels	47⅞	47⅞
Home Depot	60⅞	60⅞
Homestake	14⅞	14⅞
Honeywell	33	32⅞
Household Intl	66⅞	67⅞
Houston Inds	47	46⅞
Humana	7⅞	7⅞
ITT Corp	78⅞	79⅞
Illinois Tool	71⅞	71⅞
INCO	23	23⅞
Ingersoll Rand	30⅞	30
Inland Steel	22	21⅞
Intel Corp	108⅞	107⅞
IBM	52⅞	52⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	111⅞	112⅞
Intl Paper	63⅞	62⅞
James River Va	19⅞	19⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅞	40⅞
K Mart	23⅞	22⅞
Kellogg	59⅞	60⅞
Kerr-McGee	49⅞	49⅞
Kimberly-Clark	54⅞	54⅞
Knight-Ridder	55	54⅞
Lilly (Eli)	47⅞	47⅞
Limited Inc	23⅞	23⅞
LIN Brdcstng	82⅞	82⅞
Lincoln Nat	80⅞	80
Litton	52⅞	51⅞
Liz Claiborne	35⅞	35⅞
Lockheed Corp	62⅞	62⅞
Louisiana Pac	70⅞	68⅞
MCI Commun	43⅞	43⅞
Marriott	25⅞	25⅞
Marsh & McLnn	93⅛	92⅞
Martin Marietta	73	72⅞
Masco Corp	32⅞	32⅞
May Dept St	76⅞	75⅞
Maytag Corp	13⅞	13⅞
McCaw Cellular	35⅞	35⅞
McDonalds	52⅞	52⅞
McDonnell D	55⅞	55⅞
McGraw Hill	63	63⅞
Mead Corp	41⅞	42
Medtronic	68	67⅞
Mellon Bk	60⅞	59⅞
Melville Corp	47	46⅞
Merck Inc	33⅞	34
Merrill Lynch	68⅞	68⅞
Minnesota Mine	110⅞	109
Mobil Corp	69⅞	68⅞
Monsanto	51	51⅛
Morgan (JP)	67⅞	67⅞
Motorola Inc	64⅞	62⅞
Natl Medical	8⅞	8⅛
Natl Semi	12⅞	12⅞
Natl Service Ind	24⅞	24⅛
Navistar Int	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	34⅞	34⅞
NY Times A	30⅞	30⅞
Newmont Mng	44⅞	44⅞
Niag Mohawk	21⅛	21⅛
Nike B	73⅞	74⅞
NL Industries	5⅞	5⅞
Nordstrom	30⅞	29⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	63	62⅞
Nthn State Pwr	45⅞	45⅞
Norwest Corp	50⅞	50
Nynex Corp	90⅞	90⅞
Occidental Pet	21⅞	21⅛
Ohio Edison	24⅞	24⅞
Oracle Systems	34⅞	34⅞
Oryx Energy Co	22⅞	22⅞
PNC Financial	32⅞	32⅞
PPG Industries	67⅞	67⅞
Paccar Inc	62⅞	61⅛
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	24⅞	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅞	34⅞
Pac Telesis	47⅞	47
Pall Corp	17⅛	17⅞
Panhandle East	22⅞	22⅞
Paramnt Comm	50⅞	49⅞
Parker Hannifin	30⅞	30⅞
Penney (JC)	86⅞	86⅞
Pennzoil	57⅞	57⅞
Pepsico	40⅞	41⅛
Pfizer	58⅞	58⅞
Phelps Dodge	48⅞	49
Philadel Elec	29⅞	29⅞
Philip Morris	49⅞	49⅞
Phillips Pet	29⅞	28⅞
Pitney Bowes	42⅞	42⅞
Polaroid	28⅞	28⅞
Price Co	31⅛	30⅞
Primerica	45⅞	45⅞
Procter & Gmbl	47⅞	48⅞
Pub Serv E & G	33⅞	33⅞
Quaker Oats	64⅞	66⅛
Ralston Purina	49⅞	49⅞
Raychem Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Raytheon	56⅞	56⅞
Reebok Intl	34⅞	35⅞
Reynolds Metals	47⅞	47⅞
Roadway Srvcs	64⅞	63⅞
Rockwell Intl	30⅞	30
Rohm & Haas	54	54
Royal Dutch	89⅞	89⅞
Rubbermaid	34	34⅛
Safeco Corp	63⅞	64⅛
St Paul's Cos	79⅞	79⅞
Salomon Inc	36⅞	37⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	14⅛	14⅞
Sara Lee Corp	26⅞	27⅞
Scecorp	47	47
Schering Plough	57⅞	57⅞
Schlumberger	60	59⅞
Scott Paper	35⅞	35⅞
Seagram	27⅞	27⅞
Sears Roebuck	52⅞	52⅞
Shell Trans	53⅞	53⅞
Sherwin Wilms	33⅞	33⅞
Skyline Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Snap-On-Tools	33⅞	33⅞
Southern Co	42⅞	42⅞
Sthwestern Bell	76⅞	76⅞
Sprint Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Stanley Works	44⅞	44⅞
Sun Company	24⅞	24⅞
Suntrust	45⅞	46
Supervalu	31⅛	31⅛
Syntex Corp	18⅛	19⅛
Sysco Corp	25⅞	25⅞
TRW Inc	62⅞	63
Tandem Comp	11⅛	11⅛
Tandy Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Telecom Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Teledyne	21⅛	21⅛
Temple Inland	46⅞	46⅞
Tenneco	45⅞	45⅞
Texaco	64	63⅞
Texas Inst	54⅞	53⅞
Texas Utilities	45⅞	45⅞
Textron	46⅞	47⅞
Time Warner	30⅞	30⅞
Times-Mirror	32⅞	32⅞
Timken	30	29⅞
Torchmark	59⅞	58⅞
Toys R Us	40⅞	40⅞
Transamerica	51⅛	52⅞
Travelers Corp	26⅛	26⅞
Tribune	52⅞	52⅞
Tyco Labs	44⅛	44⅞
UAL Corp	123⅞	123⅞
UST Inc	26⅞	26
USX Marathon	19⅞	19
Unilever NV	116⅞	117⅞
Union Camp	41⅞	41⅞
Union Carbide	18	17⅞
Union Pacific	61⅛	60⅞
Unisys Corp	13	12⅞
USAIR Group	20⅞	20⅞
USF&G Corp	16⅛	16⅞
US Life	37⅞	37
US West	42⅞	43⅞
United Tech	47	46⅞
Unocal Corp	29⅞	28⅞
Upjohn	28⅞	28⅛
VF Corp	50⅞	50⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	30	30⅞
Warner-Lambert	68⅞	68⅞
Waste Mgmnt Inc	31⅛	31⅛
Wells Fargo	104⅛	105⅞
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅛
Weyerhaeuser	41⅛	39⅞
Whirlpool	52⅞	52⅞
Whitman	14⅞	14⅞
Winn Dixie	64⅞	65
Woolworth	30⅞	30⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	31⅛	32⅞
Xerox	81	81⅛

BRITISH FUNDS

FUTURES-related selling and a general absence of buyers left government securities nursing sizeable losses on the day.

On the futures market, the June series of the long gilt fell 25 ticks on bouts of selling to end the session at its low for the day of £105²⁵/₃₂, with fewer than 20,000 contracts completed. The cash market followed the future lower with prices at the medium end of the longer market worst affected as Treasury 9 per cent 2012 lost more than £½ at £105⁷/₈. But again trading conditions were thin and, at the shorter end, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was only four ticks easier at £111⁷/₃₂.

Dealers said sentiment had been subdued in the run-up to the Easter break by last week's issue from the Bank of England of further tranches of existing stock totalling £650 million.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gm red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
107	101	Treas 12¾% 1993	101	...	12.27	5.71
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.67
108	105	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	...	13.10	5.65
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	...	8.30	5.60
109	107	Treas 14½% 1994	107	...	13.46	5.61
109	108	Exch 13½% 1994	108 †	...	12.50	5.67
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	...	9.54	5.76
110	108	Exch 12¼% 1994	108	−	11.49	5.87
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.59	5.93
111	109	Treas 12% 1995	110	...	10.90	6.02
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96 †	...	3.12	5.02
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.42	6.12
116	114	Treas 12¾% 1995	115	−	11.05	6.27
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	119	...	11.75	6.45
125	122	Treas 15¼% 1996	123 †	−	12.31	6.58
120	118	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	...	11.19	6.62
111	109	Conv 10% 1996	110	−	9.04	6.66
122	119	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	...	10.94	6.86
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112	−	9.33	6.78
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	−	8.14	6.76
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	130 †	−	11.48	7.05
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	−	8.76	6.95
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	102 †	−	7.10	6.75
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100 †	−	6.74	6.73
138	134	Treas 15½% 1998	136 †	−	11.34	7.27
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	121	−	9.90	7.35
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	110	−	8.56	7.16
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	−	9.96	7.42
117	113	Treas 10½% 1999	115	−	9.08	7.30
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	−	8.91	7.35
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	109	−	8.24	7.29
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	128	−	10.08	7.74
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	113	−	8.79	7.65
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	−	10.95	7.39
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	112	−	8.64	7.79
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	101	...	7.85	7.73
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	114	−	8.74	7.94
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120	−	9.51	7.92
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	−	4.82	7.07
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	110	−	8.57	8.00
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	110	−	8.57	8.08
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129	−	9.65	8.29
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	100 †	−	7.99	8.05
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123	−	9.51	8.21
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	102	−	8.27	8.18
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	−	9.82	8.26
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	106	−	8.42	8.23
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	98	−	8.15	8.27
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	106	−	8.49	8.36
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	106	−	8.49	8.38
78	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	−	7.33	8.07
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	−	8.20	8.31
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	132	−	9.04	8.60
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	103	−	8.46	8.43
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	47	−	8.45	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	41	−	8.43	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	−	5.58	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	31 †	−	8.03	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	−	8.37	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	...	...	0.87
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	197 †	−	1.66	2.40
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108 †	−	2.08	2.65
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166	−	2.63	2.97
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163	−	2.77	3.05
111	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	111 †	−	2.88	3.16
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	169	−	2.95	3.17
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153	−	3.16	3.35
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	−	3.23	3.41
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	−	3.30	3.46
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139	−	3.35	3.50
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133 †	−	3.41	3.54
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	−	3.45	3.57
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111	−	3.46	3.59

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
SKF 'B' .... 675p (+25p)
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FALLS:
Dalgety .... 452p (-14p)
Booker .... 383p (-10p)
Cable Wireless .... 723p (-15p)
ADT .... 583p (-15p)
RMC Group .... 617p (-15p)
Tiphook .... 360p (-19p)
Tibbet & Britten .... 705p (-10p)
BAT .... 885p (-42½p)
Rothmans 'B' .... 638p (-21p)
Barclays .... 405p (-10p)
Whitbread 'B' .... 938p (-12p)
Takeda Chem .... 774p (-31p)
General Accident .... 584p (-10p)
Carlton Comm .... 750p (-18p)
Stanley Leisure .... 193p (-10p)
Br Aerospace .... 271p (-10p)
Blenheim Group .... 545p (-18p)
Thomson Corp .... 765p (-10p)

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NOTICE OF S98 MEETING OF CREDITORS
R T S TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
Principal Trading Address: Unit 12, St Pancras Commercial Ctr., 63 Pratt St, London N1 0BJ. Company Number: 1576922
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP on 16 April 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Touche Ross & Co., of PO Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP during the two business days preceding the above meeting.
Dated: 1 April 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J D Foeden, Director

No. 001486 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF M S INTERNATIONAL PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 24th March 1993 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 2nd April 1993.
Dated this 6th day of April 1993.
Alsop Wilkinson of 11 St James's Square, Manchester M2 6DR.
Ref: AH/JM/27956 Solicitors for the above-named Company.

RE: JONATHAN LESLEY CONSTRUCTION LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1LQ, on Thursday the 15th April 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Ross, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1LQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Tuesday 13th April 1993.
Dated this 19th day of February 1993.
J M CLUTTON, Director.

IN THE MATTER OF GOLDSMITH FOODLINES LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 1 April 1993, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
Dated this 2nd day of April 1993
M J Carter

DOMINION INTERNATIONAL FINANCE PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on 14 April 1993 at 2.30 pm. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on any of the business days prior to the date of the meeting.
Proxies MUST be returned to Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL (telephone 071 939 3000) by 12.00 am on the day before the meeting. Creditors are reminded that original and not faxed proxies are required.
2 April 1993
A Gezl, Director.

IDS DISTRIBUTION HOLDINGS LIMITED Company No: 934026
LIQUIDATIONCO NO2 LIMITED Company No: 766551
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANIES
On 29 March 1993 the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice (pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the above companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator at the above address by 28 April 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
31 March 1993
Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim
Liquidator

RE: REALMOVE LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Tuesday the 13th April 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on from Friday 9th April 1993.
Dated this 22nd day of March 1993.
P H Farrant, Director.

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2549427. Nature of business: General Builders. Address of registered office: Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Liquidator: R A Segal A Segal & Co., Treviot House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Office holder no: 002688. Date of appointment: 26 March 1993. By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors. Date: 26 March 1993.

To Terence Young of 61A Eaton Square, London SW1 and The Villa Van Sin Ko 2 Ancien Avenue, De Valbonne, Californie, Cannes, France AM06. This Demand is served on you by the Creditor, Haymann Baldi of Hottingerstrasse 17, Postfach 8032, Zurich, Switzerland. By Judgement of Westminster County Court, Case No. 9108641 it is adjudged that you pay the Creditor the sum of £6,966.52 plus £108.00 costs forthwith. The Creditor demands that you pay the above debt or secure or compound for it to the Creditor's satisfaction. This debt must be paid within twenty-one (21) days of the date hereof, failing which a bankruptcy petition will be issued against you. The appropriate Court for setting aside this Demand is the High Court of Justice, Strand, London WC2. The individual to whom any communications regarding this Demand may be addressed is Jeremy Paul Tickton of Paul Shcank & Co. of Ruskin House 40/41 Museum Street, London WC1A 1LT. telephone 071 831-6677

NOTICE of resolution for payment of capital reserve of ABBOTT BROS (KENT) LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
1. the above named company ("the Company") has approved a payment out of capital reserve for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase.
2. the amount of the permissible capital reserve payment for the shares in question is £110,000.00
3. the date for the resolution for payment out of capital reserve is 30th March 1993.
4. a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for the payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated 1st April 1993.
Philip H E Abbott
Company secretary

PUBLIC NOTICES

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By Order of the Board
D.B. Reed F.C.I.I
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31 March 1993

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the One Hundred and Sixtyseventh Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society will be held in The Glasgow Hilton Hotel, 1 William Street, Glasgow G3 8HT on Wednesday 28th April 1993 at 11.00 a.m.

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10th March 1993

Scottish Amicable

Leyland DAF tries to build a company of many parts

Ross Tieman unravels the complex web of interests from which the Anglo-Dutch truck maker seeks to assemble a federal future



Grim prospect: despite receivers' efforts, DAF faces an uncertain future

The future of Leyland DAF, the lorry and van builder, is now more uncertain than ever, 64 days after administrative receivers were appointed to engineer a rescue of the company.

A panel of Appeal Court judges will today decide on the latest in a series of wrangles between the receivers and one of the company's many unpaid suppliers. If the supplier's right to withold deliveries is upheld, then John White, chief executive of BBA, the motor parts group, and its subsidiary Automotive Products, will hold the future of Leyland DAF — and perhaps 10,000 workers at the company and its suppliers — in the palm of his hand.

But why does he want that power? If he gets it, will he use it? And if not, what hope remains for the company?

The essence of building trucks is the assembly of bought-in parts into a proprietary design. Making vans, which Leyland undertakes at its Birmingham plant, is broadly similar, with the difference that the assembler manufactures its own bodywork.

Under long-standing motor industry arrangements, component manufacturers retain ownership of the parts in a vehicle until it has rolled off the production line and an invoice has been issued to the customer or dealer. So, when efforts to refinance DAF, the Anglo-Dutch parent group, failed on February 2, the most urgent task of the administrative receivers appointed to the British business was to hold a stock-take to determine exactly who owned what.

Their assessment uncovered a nightmare tangle of debts. Collectively, suppliers to the lorry plant, in Leyland, Lancashire, and the rest of the business are owed some £82 million. Some leading component manufacturers, such as Motor Panels (Coventry) and Eaton, the drive parts group, are owed more than £1 million each.

To enable the business to survive, the receivers had to restart production. To do that, they needed to agree with creditors how much was owed for parts on trucks already invoiced by the failed company, and how much was owed on components on vehicles to be built under supervision of the receivers, for which suppliers would be paid in full. And then they had to persuade suppliers to deliver new parts, at a price which Leyland DAF, and its customers, could afford.

The wrangling was long and complex, but John Talbot and Murdoch McKillop, the administrative receivers appointed from accountants Arthur Andersen, appeared to have won, until a dispute over Automotive Products' entitlements threw a spanner in the works.

A little brinkmanship is not surprising, given what is at stake. Suppliers will decide the outcome according to their assessment of their own best interest. So far, all others appear to have voted with the receivers. They are anxious to recover as much as they can for past deliveries.

Many also argue they now need higher prices because production volumes have been reduced, and economies of scale have been lost. But most also stand to gain substantial future revenues if Leyland DAF's production lines continue to roll. That is likely to weigh heavily upon Dr White's decision about future deliveries, even if he wins today's court case.

Despite the two month delay, the underlying prospects for Leyland DAF now look better than at any time since the British government declined to join Dutch ministers and the Flemish state parliament of Belgium in a state-sponsored rescue of the parent DAF group. However, it will be a very strange vehicle group that arises from the ashes.

All the signs are that DAF will become a group of manufacturers collaborating to produce a single marque. Heavy trucks will be assembled at Eindhoven, in Holland, by DAF Trucks. The light-weight DAF 45 series, a big seller, will be built exclusively in Britain by a separate company owning the Leyland works, along with surviving models from the old pre-merger Leyland range.

Vans will be built by a third company in Birmingham. In Africa, Arthur Zammit, the managing director of the former DAF International operation, is organising a buyout of plants that assemble lorry "kits" from Leyland in half a dozen countries.

And down the road from Leyland, in Chorley, Lancashire, executives are preparing to bid against outsiders for ownership of the spare parts operation that keeps more than 100,000 Leyland-built vehicles on the road.

The management at the Albion axle works in Glasgow, which makes parts for both vans and trucks, may yet decide to mount its own buyout once it can see that the plant's sales are secure, and the future of the marketing business in Thame, Oxfordshire, and the Dutch-owned finance operation have yet to be resolved. A federation of up to seven complementary, but independently owned companies looks possible.

The most important step occurred nearly two weeks ago, when DAF Trucks, the on-going continental heavy truck maker, delivered a letter of intent to managers planning a buy-out of the Leyland truck building operation. In their letter, the Dutch undertook to continue buying a large proportion of Leyland's output, for sale through dealers both in Britain and on the continent.

Together with two military contracts, which will not be completed until early 1995, the agreement underpins efforts by managers at the plant to mount a buyout by assuring them of a market.

With the backlog of trucks held by the finance house now cleared, order inflow for trucks appears to have strengthened markedly, even though a handful of dealers are defecting to other marques.

An announcement that the Leyland managers have secured finance for a buyout is imminent. But they remain reluctant to talk. Prospectuses are also being studied closely by Paccar, the American lorry builder, and at least two truck builders from continental Europe, which are possible bidders for the plant.

The first United Kingdom rescue likely to be completed — provided the parts row does not wreck things — is the purchase of the van plant in Birmingham. Advisors to Allan Amey, vans managing director, and his colleagues, say purchase of the business from the receivers could be completed within a fortnight.

Sceptics have argued that both the 200 and 400 series vans produced in Birmingham are, like the plant itself, too long in the tooth to survive, particularly without a strong parent company to fund investment.

But such suggestions are dismissed by Chris Rowlands, the West Midlands director of 3i, the venture capital group which is funding the buyout group.

"We are impressed with the management at this plant and have no doubt about their ability to run it successfully," he said. "The 400 series is only four years old, and vans seem to have a life span of 20 years."

The business plan for the company, which will retain the name Leyland DAF Vans, foresees evolution of the design. Although production has been reduced from 350 a week to just 200 a week, managers appear confident that the vehicles will retain a loyal following in the domestic market, where fleet buyers account for half of the company's output.

A modest recovery has already begun in the UK lorry and van markets. The biggest drag on the performance of the Leyland DAF businesses is the persistent uncertainty over their future.

Courtroom wrangles with component suppliers do nothing to dissipate doubts in the minds of customers. Progress towards a new ownership structure is clearly being made, but the prospect of a federal manufacturer is novel in an industry that is increasingly searching for world-scale economies.

Leyland DAF's fragmented ownership structure may prove a model for the 1990s. But if the 1980s are anything to go by, a big brother will still be needed eventually.

TEMPUS

Seven years' bad luck

JUDGING from yesterday's 11p rise in the share price, the City accepted Mirror Group Newspapers figures and its tale of cost-cutting and reorganisation as a sign that the company is being dressed up for sale. Any buyer would need a generous heart and deep pockets to be able to take MGN on.

Unfortunately, MGN decided to load last year's figures with at least two years of future provisions. After what the group has suffered, it knows the risk of flattering accountancy.

The figures show the group will be burdened with the legacy of Robert Maxwell for years. Despite the £18 million disposal of the stake in Donohue and low capital spending, net debt fell by only £6 million to £393 million. Cash demands will increase this year, with reorganisation and capital spending likely to take up to £50 million. Rebuilding the group's pension fund will remain a burden until the next century. Much impact on group debt is unlikely to be made for years. Meanwhile, gearing is 108 per cent and MGN has a negative net worth of almost £300 million, excluding title valuations.

If David Montgomery can deliver the £22 million of annual cost savings that he promises, pre-tax profits could reach £80 million next year. But any buyer would have to pay up to £900 million, including debt, for a group with uncertain cash flow and exceptional liabilities. The Maxwell administrator may instead try to place his 54.6 per cent stake with institutions. Before they subscribe, they should recall the £560 million deficit on MGN's profit and loss reserve, which will restrain dividends long after the group turns around.

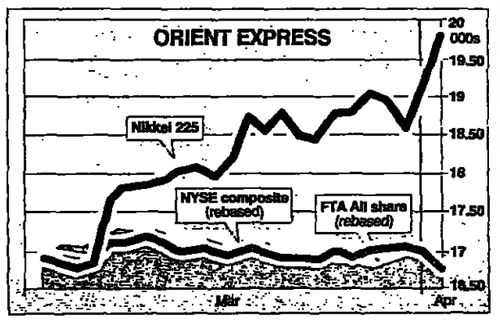
Japan

JAPANESE investors seem to have recovered the blind optimism that drove the Nikkei index to stratospheric heights three years ago. The index has risen more than 17 per cent in the past month on the faintest signs that the economy is recovering, and may soon pass 20,000 for the first time in more than a year.

The Tokyo stock market is being driven again by domestic demand, which has been weak for the past two years. Turnover on Monday was a high 1.2 billion shares, while net purchases by foreign investors were still low.

While the successive cuts in the discount rate have provided much of the incentive to invest in equities, the bull market has also been fuelled by better than expected economic data about the first quarter, which suggests that GNP rose 0.8 per cent, against 0.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year. Investors have also been heartened by reports of the government's Y13,000 billion economic stimulation package, which will be announced on April 13. The package will include up to Y11,000 billion for construction and public works, much of it scheduled for later this year to aid the recovery in corporate profitability.

A market correction is likely after such strong outperformance, particularly if further economic data is less encouraging and a possible tax cut fails to appear. But equities are back in fashion, and it is risky to bet against the trend.



Morgan Crucible

THE slump in Morgan Crucible's share price, despite an improved profit performance, reflects fears that the group will be forced to make a rights issue to fund its appetite for acquisitions.

It certainly cannot fund takeovers out of its own pocket. Gearing has rocketed from 28 to 67 per cent and the cash position is strained, with an outflow of £56 million last year. The cost of acquisitions has taken a heavy toll on cash flow, although the profit and loss account has been protected by big use of provisions.

The group defends substantial capital expenditure of £40 million and claims it was used to take advantage of unique opportunities in several of its markets to gain share from struggling competitors. But who is to say unique opportunities will not recur this year?

To allay fears, management says it has earmarked £60 million of businesses for disposal to bring gearing below 50 per cent. But selling companies at this point in the cycle will not be easy. Until the group starts delivering on this, the shares will continue to languish.

Highland Distilleries

AN otherwise excellent set of figures from Highland Distilleries was spoilt with a change to its accounting policy that left City analysts scratching their heads. Noted for conservative accounting principles, Highland had previously taken into profits just the dividend flow from Robertson & Baxter, its 35 per cent-owned associate and fellow whisky producer, since it first held a stake in 1948.

Now it has chosen to equity account, adding another £5.1 million to pre-tax profits. Most other companies would have made the change long ago so why is Highland pumping up its numbers now? The distiller has one of those cross-holdings so popular in the drinks industry, with Rémy Cointreau, so it has no need to ward off potential predators.

The suspicion is that Highland is preparing to change its relationship with Robertson, the rest of which is held privately, perhaps by increasing its stake.

MB-Caradon

THE emergence of MB-Caradon as a cash-rich predator in the building materials sector has further inflated share prices. The group must now stalk its prey quietly, since any whisper of its intentions will send the price of its goal soaring further beyond its reach.

Caradon's limitations are worth noting. While the sale of its stake in CMB leaves the group with £428 million cash, it is unwilling to increase gearing beyond 50 per cent. This suggests maximum resources of £650 million, so larger companies, such as Redland, are out of the question.

Caradon needs to reinvest quickly, since a 6 per cent return on its cash is hardly attractive, and seems to like the prospects in the building materials sector. But Caradon is an experienced buyer and could well surprise the City with an accomplished bluff.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Grand National draw is a runner

THE Chancellor should be so lucky. The Grand National fiasco at Aintree on Saturday cost the Treasury a cool £6 million in lost betting duty, but at least 39 City punters are £1,134.46 better off. Organisers of the Sedos Grand National Draw, which this year brought in more than £51,000, has opted to pay out more than £44,000 equally among the 39 who drew a "runner" in the 4½-mile steeplechase, which was declared void after two false starts reduced the event to farce. Anyone who drew a horse that failed to run the distance will get a £50 consolation prize. The original draw had 74 horses, the full list of acceptances for the Grand National. At £2 a ticket, the return for lucky prize winners looks handsome. But if the race had been run, the holder of the first prize ticket would have collected more than £20,000. Opting to pay out on the draw has caused some disquiet in the City, particularly among those who did not draw a racing horse. But André Van't Hoss, treasurer of the Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society's (Sedos) jubilee charity fund, said he had no alternative but to pay out the prize money rather than reimbursing all the entrants given a £2,000 printing bill. About £5,000 will go to the Sedos charity.

Sober start-up

LIFE begins at 30, at least according to Matthew Groves, whose birthday present this year is a new job. After 12 years at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, where he won a reputation for helping "sober-up" the "Jugs and Bottle" small companies research team, the small companies salesman is now moving to Smith New Court to join James Mann and Tim Steer. Groves, who cleared out his desk last week, makes his move just seven months after Geoff Douglas switched his allegiance from Smith New Court to BZW. "It is rather ironic," says Groves, who begins on May 4. "This is a chance to blow the cobwebs away. I just hope the SNC team is sober," he laughs, describing his celebrations in the past 48 hours as "impossible to print".

Hamelin revisited

THE BANK of England must be rather desperate. Last week, it admitted its reserves had plummeted an unexpected $1.74 billion thanks to last September's futile defence of the pound. Now the nation's children are being asked to bring their piggy banks along to the Bank's museum on Good Friday, Easter Sunday or Easter Monday for weighing on a set of gold bullion scales. All young entrants will receive a chocolate cream egg and a certificate bearing their name and piggy weight. The owner of the piggy bank closest in weight to the museum's own porcine coin collection will win a £50 note framed as a paperweight. It is the first time the Bank has sponsored a competition for children, no doubt inspired by the need to train the next generation of would-be bankers with sound financial management skills. Or is there a darker motive? Could this be a none-too-subtle way of improving the accuracy of the Bank's M0 statistics, or is it simply a way of collecting names should reserves need to be called in? The museum, located on Bartholomew Lane beside the Bank on Threadneedle Street, insists the contest is "just for fun".



Kicking the habit

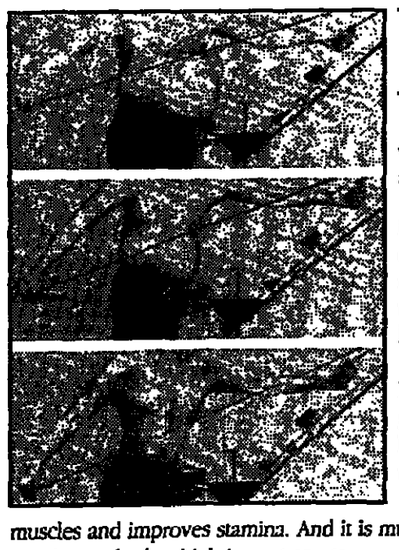
SMOKERS behind the counter at Abbey National's 700 branches will light up for the last time today. The Abbey has instituted a total smoking ban from tomorrow morning, forcing 20 per cent of the bank's 16,000 employees to either quit or find excuses to leave their desks for periodical puffs on the street. Customers were banned from smoking in branches in 1987. The new employee ban affects everyone; even managers with their own offices are prevented from lighting a furtive fag behind a closed door. But the Abbey has offered its 3,200 smokers a way to stop. The lifeline is a £200 interest-free loan to those enterprising employees wishing to invest in nicotine patches, hypnosis, chewing gum, or other preventions. Hundreds have apparently taken up the offer but the Abbey has not yet established how many have kicked the habit.

Waging war

DISGRUNTLED senior assistants at City law firm Linklaters & Paines are expecting an announcement today on the result of a vote on profit-related pay. The partners are understood to have offered the troops up to £2,500 tax-free as part of their salary package next year. But the proposal needed the approval of 80 per cent of the staff for it to go ahead, and some assistants, angered by moves to cut salary bands, threatened to vote against the scheme. Their fear is that profit-related pay is being introduced in lieu of a pay rise. According to an inside source, the anxiety is compounded by lack of information on salary packages for the coming year as the staff have been asked to approve the scheme before the annual salary review expected at the end of the month. In addition, says the solicitor, the tax-free money is being paid across the board and not awarded according to the profitability of each department. Senior assistant solicitors are the workhorses of big City law firms and those in the Linklaters stable who are not being made partner this year want to know how big an incentive the partnership is offering before they agree to profit-related pay.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

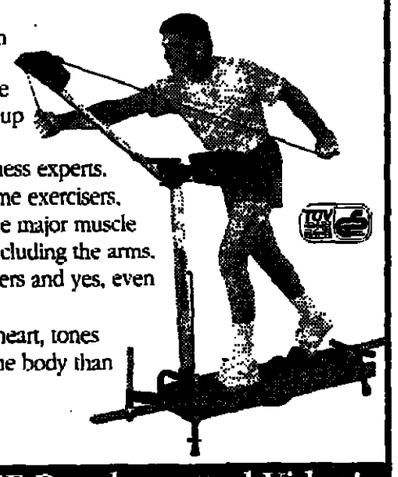
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UK Growth	144.20	153.50	-1.00	2.30
UK Income	119.60	127.30†	-1.10	4.62

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	78.02	83.44†	+1.30	1.09
Growth	43.68	46.72	-0.74	3.06
Income	52.40	56.04	-0.81	4.28
Far East	45.69	48.87†	+1.21	0.16
North American	78.64	84.56	-1.31	0.01
Global	79.84	85.39†	+0.46	0.77
European	67.93	72.68†	+0.23	1.72
Japan	104.20	111.50	+4.00	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.11	60.52†	+0.09	5.30
UK Cap Gwth	76.41	81.72†	-0.91	2.05

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685
Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trust				
American Gen	126.70	134.80†	-1.70	0.15
-do- Acc	134.80	143.50	-1.90	0.15
European	65.37	69.26	+0.27	1.03
-do- Acc	67.75	71.78	+0.27	1.03
Far East Gen	61.36	65.28†	+2.02	...
-do- Acc	61.36	65.28	+2.02	...
Glenfriars	240.30	255.70†	-5.60	0.96
-do- Acc	270.80	287.80	-6.40	0.96
Growth	370.30	396.10†	-4.90	2.67
-do- Acc	653.80	677.90	-7.90	2.67
Income Growth	389.60	393.20	-6.70	4.08
-do- Acc	491.40	522.80	-9.00	4.08
Master Portfolio	9266.0	9898.0†	-41.00	2.76
-do- Acc	10752.0	11135.0†	-48.00	2.76
Special Sits	85.26	90.71	-0.88	2.55
-do- Acc	99.78	106.15	-1.03	2.55
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1191.0	1228.0	-21.00	4.55
-do- Acc	1379.0	1422.0	-24.00	4.55

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	186.90	199.00	-1.90	1.53
Capital	517.60	552.40†	-8.50	2.41
Eurotrack 100	127.00	135.10	+0.30	1.53
Euro Gth	79.95	84.08	+0.16	1.38
Far East Growth	84.60	90.28	+1.38	0.14
Global Bond	23.08	24.31	-0.10	5.86
Hong Kong	70.40	75.13†	+1.14	0.60
Income	490.80	523.70†	-7.20	4.60
Intl Growth	71.93	76.76	-0.25	0.99
Japan Growth	251.40	268.30	+4.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	30.47	32.51	+0.86	...
Japan Index	74.30	79.29	+2.24	0.24
Nth American	412.40	440.10†	-0.90	0.98
S pore Mly Gth	49.13	52.43	+0.80	...
Tm Footsie Fd	106.30	112.20	-2.00	2.62
Tiger Index	132.40	141.20	+2.40	0.71
Trustee Index	101.20	107.90†	-0.50	2.66
UK Index	121.00	129.10	-2.00	3.02

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	81.10	86.60	-1.05	1.00
European P folio	71.35	75.77†	+0.14	1.38
Japanese P folio	60.60	64.29	+1.46	...
Pacific P folio	91.27	98.15	+1.02	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.99	73.79	-0.74	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.41	65.94†	-0.74	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.49	51.13	-0.23	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	604.15	609.40	...	4.74
Fixed Int	155.70	156.45	...	9.27
Deposit	5.80	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	596.47	600.35	...	4.98
-do- Acc	2297.9	2316.6	...	...
Deposit	5.75	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.15	127.21	...	9.12
-do- Acc	166.53	166.88	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	61.91	65.17†	-0.91	2.49
Beckman Intl	81.09	85.87†	...	3.30
Friars Hse Inc	178.57	192.01	+1.49	6.46
Friars Hse Cap	247.28	265.89	+1.16	2.92

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Gth Acc	38.99	41.48	+1.45	...
Managed	61.39	65.30	-0.37	2.96
-do- Acc	74.13	78.87	-0.45	2.96
Smaller Cos	32.69	34.78	-0.12	2.25
-do- Acc	36.83	39.18	-0.14	2.25
UK General	67.59	71.90	-1.37	2.77
-do- Acc	81.03	86.20	-1.65	2.77
Wwide Bd	61.70	65.55†	+0.17	6.66
-do- Acc	79.36	84.31	+0.23	6.66
Wwide Sp Sits	54.94	58.76	+0.35	0.18
-do- Acc	57.34	61.22	+0.37	0.18
Quilter General	118.00	125.53†	-2.14	2.81
-do- Acc	131.30	139.47	-2.39	2.81
Quilter Income	91.47	97.31†	-1.41	4.47
-do- Acc	112.73	119.93	-1.74	4.47
Quilter Intl	124.98	132.96	+0.52	0.74
-do- Acc	126.70	134.79	+0.52	0.74
Quilter UK Spec	68.79	73.16	-0.84	2.13
-do- Acc	91.00	96.81†	-0.05	2.13
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.98	91.98†	+0.03	5.63
-do- Acc	91.50	91.50†	+0.03	5.63
Fin Property	100.93	107.37	-0.07	1.42
Fixed Conv	40.95	43.57	-0.01	8.21
-do- Acc	107.01	113.84	-0.02	8.21
Equity Inc	144.63	153.86	-3.04	4.03
-do- Acc	464.28	493.91	-9.75	4.03
High Yield	116.67	124.12†	-1.95	5.39
-do- Acc	441.10	469.26	-7.39	5.39
Preference	45.56	48.47†	+0.06	8.29
-do- Acc	233.84	248.77	+0.27	8.29
PPT Europe	147.17	156.56†	+0.56	1.18
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.26	50.28†	+0.06	8.87
PPT Global Bnd	81.23	86.28†	+0.47	5.96
PPT Gold Com	51.06	54.32†	-0.29	...
PPT Oriental Gth	52.86	56.23†	+0.71	0.85
PPT Far East Gth	98.40	104.68†	+2.16	0.44
PPT Japan	111.74	118.87†	+4.31	...
PPT N Amer	145.91	155.22†	-1.22	0.05
PPT UK Gth	114.11	121.39	-2.16	2.27

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	73.42	78.11	+0.95	1.01
Japanese Acc	58.58	62.32	+1.66	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.00	133.00	-0.70	2.52
-do- Acc	145.90	155.20	-0.90	2.52
UK Growth Acc	205.60	218.70	-1.20	2.21
UK High Inc	132.80	141.30	-1.10	6.72
-do- Acc	156.80	166.80	-1.30	6.72
N America Acc	108.70	115.60	-1.80	.34
European Acc	150.30	159.90	+0.80	.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.54	64.24	+0.19	8.80
-do- Acc	97.71	103.70	+0.30	8.80
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.45	49.41	+0.10	.23
Environmntl Opp	70.96	75.49	-0.13	1.47

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Dunedin House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	109.70	116.50	-1.30	...
UK Smlr Cos	185.50	197.10	-0.20	1.27
Eurofund	37.33	39.51	+0.15	1.01
Mngd Exempt	165.50	172.50	+0.50	3.04
Growth Inc	208.10	221.10†	-4.60	4.07
High Dist	135.60	144.10	-2.20	6.00
International	313.60	333.20	-2.00	0.98
Intl Income	79.41	84.77†	-0.21	3.07
Pacific	54.27	57.66	+0.55	0.52
Smllr Jap Cos	61.28	65.11	+1.43	...
Tokyo	196.60	208.90	+6.90	...
Japan Exempt	100.80	105.90	+3.20	0.48
Sm Jap Exempt	494.20	507.70	+3.90	0.10

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	121.50	129.10	-2.20	0.23
Australia	7.006	7.476	+0.095	1.07
Equity	181.90	193.30	-2.00	4.42
Euro Spec Sits	141.10	149.30	-0.40	0.58
Financial	38.94	41.37	-0.47	2.93
Global Opps Inc	86.29	91.68	+0.12	2.30
-do- Acc	89.44	95.03	+0.13	2.30
Gold Gen Inc	43.13	45.83	+0.46	0.95
-do- Acc	82.29	87.43	+0.87	0.95
Income	116.20	125.00	-1.70	4.92
Japan General	148.20	157.40	+6.00	...
Preference	21.29	22.62†	-0.02	8.03
UK Capital	100.70	107.00	-1.70	3.15
Worldwide Cap	192.50	203.60	-2.00	3.13
World Income	81.70	86.81†	-1.01	3.50

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	167.70	178.40	...	1.13

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	103.66	109.12	-0.81	3.42
High Income	119.06	125.33	-1.35	5.00
Tst of Inv Tsts	138.50	148.84	-0.72	2.13
Special Sits	82.63	86.98	-0.62	2.99
North American	101.90	107.29	-2.03	1.18
Far Eastern	223.44	238.20	+2.69	1.55
Intl Growth	90.00	94.74†	+0.11	1.48
European	62.85	66.16	+0.03	2.31
Smaller Cos	69.52	73.18	-0.41	2.30

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	222.40	236.60	...	3.66

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.70
European Tst	111.60	118.70	+0.80	...
High Income	24.47	25.75†	-0.18	5.87

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	92.06	97.46	+0.22	0.88
Far Eastern	129.30	138.10	+3.10	...
Overs Income	88.14	94.52	+0.52	2.78
UK Growth	91.02	97.35	-1.26	1.34
UK Income	99.56	106.50	-1.90	3.91
US Smaller Cos	232.90	249.10	-0.30	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	411.60	440.10	-4.50	...
-do- Acc	420.50	449.60	-4.60	...
Capital	279.50	297.50	-0.80	2.09
-do- Acc	389.20	413.90	-1.20	2.09
Cond Smllr Cos	46.90	50.50	+0.38	1.07
-do- Acc	48.53	52.25	+0.39	1.07
Convertible	109.70	116.60	-0.30	6.44
-do- Acc	203.10	216.00	-0.40	6.44
European	95.92	102.50	+0.30	1.14
-do- Acc	99.11	105.90	+0.30	1.14
Extra Income	284.70	302.80	-3.00	4.39
-do- Acc	398.60	423.90	-4.30	4.39
Financial	103.90	111.60	...	0.70
-do- Acc	108.10	116.20	+0.10	0.70
Health Fund Inc	104.80	111.90	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	104.80	111.90	-0.90	...
Income Tst	174.80	185.90	-2.40	4.04
-do- Acc	243.60	259.10	-3.40	4.04
Intl Growth	297.30	317.40	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	330.10	352.50	-1.40	...
Japan Gen	156.90	167.80	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	158.40	169.50	+2.80	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.01	92.64	-0.31	1.04
-do- Acc	92.26	97.11	-0.33	1.04
Monthly Income	144.50	153.70	-0.90	4.54
Recovery	280.80	300.20	-0.80	0.86
-do- Acc	328.80	351.60	-0.90	0.86
Gilt Gth Tst	60.61	62.50	-0.13	6.79
-do- Acc	78.27	80.71	-0.17	6.79

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	342.67	364.54	-4.37	3.09
-do- Acc	691.90	736.06	-8.82	3.09
Euro Gth Dist	103.22	109.81	+0.17	0.95
-do- Acc	106.30	113.09	+0.18	0.95
Fixed Int Dist	130.39	137.92†	+0.35	6.57
-do- Acc	219.02	231.67†	+0.42	6.57
Intl Gth Dist	74.23	78.97	-0.46	0.85
-do- Acc	76.79	81.69	-0.48	0.85
Nth Amer Dist	163.94	173.68	-1.80	0.79
-do- Acc	177.27	188.34	-1.97	0.79
Pac Basin Dist	228.28	242.92	+4.46	0.34
-do- Acc	232.90	247.77	+4.53	0.34
Stewardship Dist	297.05	316.01	-0.92	1.97
-do- Acc	351.44	373.87	-1.08	1.97
Stwd Inc Dist	61.57	65.50	-0.16	3.83
-do- Acc	75.44	80.25	-0.20	3.83
N Am Stwd Dist	96.06	102.19	-0.84	...
-do- Acc	101.61	108.10	-0.90	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	133.10	142.40†	-3.40	...
European	388.10	411.60†	+1.10	1.03
Far East General	203.20	217.40	+3.30	0.33
Germany	97.74	103.40	-0.30	0.44
Global Assets In	65.59	70.07	-0.12	2.31
Global Assets Ac	68.73	73.42	-0.12	2.28
Income Inc	110.40	118.10†	-0.10	7.44
International	251.60	268.90†	-0.70	1.04
Intl Income	75.80	80.57	-0.32	4.95
Japan General	335.30	356.50†	+6.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.18	48.33	-0.15	6.29
UK Capital Inc	154.10	164.90	-1.10	4.04
-do- Acc	263.50	281.90	-2.10	3.98
US Spec Sits	70.54	75.45	-0.58	1.69
US General	110.00	117.20	-1.90	0.17
W wide Spec Sits	110.90	118.70	-0.60	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.52	45.48	-0.91	1.28
Cash Trust*	127.99	127.99	+0.04	5.17
Fract Inv Inc	100.16	107.41†	-0.43	4.30
-do- Acc	215.01	230.57†	-0.94	4.30
UK Smaller Cos	95.36	102.26	-2.54	1.56
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.09	26.83	-0.33	8.24
High Inc	30.85	32.99	-0.23	5.40
UK Equity Inc	127.21	136.05	-1.44	4.03
Global Bond	29.05	30.10†	+0.21	5.71
International Funds				
Gold Intl	71.32	76.48	+1.84	1.53
Frontier Markets				
UK Equity Inc	127.21	136.05	-1.44	4.03
Global Bond	29.05	30.10†	+0.21	5.71
International Funds				
Gold Intl	71.32	76.48	+1.84	4.53
Frontier Markets		0.56		
European	79.55	84.40†	+0.45	0.81
Euro Sel Opps	91.04	97.11	+0.37	1.09
American Emerg	77.03	82.61	-0.72	...
Hong Kong	101.02	108.33†	+1.17	2.21
Japan	204.61	217.76	+6.11	...
Pacific Growth	139.68	149.79	+2.25	0.49

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 8526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	120.40	128.77	+1.22	0.37
American Gth	118.25	126.47	-0.55	...
European Gth	67.54	72.17	-0.34	0.42
German Hortzn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	74.41	79.59	+2.20	...
Pacific Inc	127.44	136.30	+1.92	2.86
Pacific Strategy	105.95	113.32	+0.91	0.25
UK Prog Inc	74.94	78.95	-0.35	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.88	50.40	-0.54	2.70
UK Small Cos	43.55	46.58	...	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9669

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	130.60	130.60	+0.10	5.51
Gilt Fixed	119.80	127.10	+0.30	6.48
Growth Equity	281.60	300.80	-3.00	2.11
Guardhill	416.90	444.90	-4.60	2.36
Income Trust	107.20	114.50	-0.80	3.94
International	152.00	162.30	-0.80	0.36
Japan Trust	118.00	126.90	+2.90	...
Nth American	248.90	265.90	-1.90	0.46
Pacific	352.50	376.40	+2.50	...
European	334.70	357.50	+1.80	0.57

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	34.45	36.52	...	1.75
-do- Acc	36.05	38.22	...	1.75
Inc Adv Inc	29.80	31.27	...	4.18
-do- Acc	30.57	32.37	-0.10	4.16

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	69.87	74.85	+0.69	0.98
Equity Income	111.60	118.70†	-1.50	3.57
European	130.00	137.70†	-0.10	0.88
Intl Situation	73.17	77.84	+0.47	...
Japanese	135.40	143.70	+5.00	...
North American	96.70	102.60	-1.30	0.06
Scandinavian	103.40	109.30	+1.00	0.47
Smaller Cos	29.60	31.49	+0.62	2.22

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	86.47	92.47	-1.15	...
Asian Enterprise	116.32	125.26	+1.23	0.87
Australian	129.65	138.55†	+1.08	1.35
European	356.77	377.88	+0.29	1.09
European Inc	68.15	72.06	+0.19	3.06
Euro Smll Co	121.23	128.98	+0.18	0.71
Extra Income	254.03	270.43†	-3.29	5.57
Family of Funds	67.94	72.56	+0.01	1.45
Fixed Interest	55.29	59.13†	+0.05	8.59
Global Resour	89.34	95.90	+0.86	1.01
High Inc	278.04	297.22	-3.24	4.89
Income Gth	230.97	245.98	-3.88	4.23
-do- Acc	581.24	619.01	-9.76	4.23
International	220.58	234.86†	+2.08	0.96
Japan Spc Sit	218.07	231.93	+9.87	...
Japan	188.01	199.85	+6.16	...
N Amer	218.26	231.95	-2.13	0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos	166.73	179.47†	+2.99	0.62
Pref Gilt	46.38	50.41	...	8.64
Smaller Cos Div	157.08	171.21	-0.34	5.13
Special Sits	248.18	265.54†	-1.65	2.21
-do- Acc	382.42	409.18†	-2.54	2.21
Best of British	54.04	57.94	-0.97	2.98
Spirit of the East	55.87	59.71†	+1.20	0.86

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	86.98	93.02	-0.96	2.33
Capital	152.00	162.50	-2.00	1.99
Dollar	296.80	317.40	-3.30	0.17
European	190.40	202.50	+0.40	0.58
Far East	222.20	237.60	+3.30	0.64
Financial	645.00	689.80†	-9.80	2.58
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.87	26.87	+0.01	7.98
High Yield	98.18	105.00	-1.00	4.96
Income	132.40	141.60	-1.00	3.50
Intl	208.00	222.40	+1.30	0.36
Japan Tech	64.46	68.94	+1.77	...
Nat Resources	54.95	58.77	+0.48	0.80
Security	289.00	309.00†	-4.90	2.13
Smaller Cos	103.90	111.10†	-0.10	1.64
Special Sits	132.70	141.90†	-1.50	2.09
US Smaller Cos	61.37	65.63	-1.47	...

TBI FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	240.20	252.80	...	1.43
Capital Gwth	100.60	105.90	...	2.50
Inv Trusts	124.30	130.80	...	0.72

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.03	25.25	-0.13	1.64
Special Features	26.18	27.81†	-0.38	1.47
-do- Acc	30.95	32.88†	-0.46	1.46
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.60	55.28	-0.91	1.94
Assets Earnings	69.08	73.39	-1.47	1.87
do Acc	81.18	86.25	-1.72	1.87
Managed Invest	83.01	86.72	-0.08	1.23
Rupert Children	74.19	79.15†	-1.38	1.67
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.32	50.32†	+0.01	4.63
Extra Inc	77.20	82.61	-0.53	4.58
Gilt	27.96	29.43	...	6.56
Income Gth	37.94	40.59	-0.69	3.54
MIMstar	74.93	76.60†	+0.14	7.92
Preference	17.63	19.29†	-0.06	6.19
UK Income	298.00	318.60†	-3.80	3.11
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	54.57	57.98	-0.35	1.32
Property Shares	56.97	60.53†	-0.17	2.21
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	138.80	146.10	-2.40	3.61
European Acc	108.00	114.30	+0.90	1.75
European Dist	102.80	109.00	+0.50	1.77
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.23	50.27†	-0.81	1.02
European Perf	104.70	111.20	+0.60†	1.09
-do- Acc	106.30	113.30	+0.60	1.09
Euro Small Cos	20.48	21.83	-0.12	0.74
French Growth	67.20	71.65	-0.05	0.40
-do- Acc	71.79	76.53	-0.05	0.40
Hong K/China	63.98	68.59	+0.62	1.79
Intl Growth	49.23	52.30	+0.16	0.76
-do- Acc	49.23	52.30	+0.16	0.76
Japan Perf	32.22	34.21	+0.90	...
Accum Units	32.22	34.21	+0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.12	35.19	+0.89	...
Singapore Asean	70.20	76.01	+1.47	0.44
-do- Acc	70.64	76.48	+1.48	0.44
South East Asia	205.80	222.30†	+2.70	1.09
US Smllr Cos	103.40	109.80	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	104.50	111.00	-1.00	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.42	86.69	+0.19	2.56
Intl Bond	56.08	58.83†	+0.03	6.32

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.01	69.35†	+0.02	5.22
Extra Income	30.30	33.40†	-1.33	7.21
Gilt Yield	118.90	125.40†	-0.10	7.98
Global Income	189.90	202.00	-2.98	4.23
High Yield	127.30	135.40†	-3.67	6.48

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smllr Cos Div	43.94	46.74	-1.79	5.11
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.05	93.67	-0.56	...
North American	73.23	77.90	-0.93	0.45
European	127.40	135.50	+0.40	0.93
Euro Special	76.24	81.11	+0.21	1.02
General	258.20	275.20	-5.80	3.46
Japan	373.10	396.90	+9.80	...
Japanese Special	195.10	207.60†	+2.80	...
Master Acc	208.80	222.10	-1.70	1.49
Pacific	247.20	263.00	+3.90	0.50
Smaller Cos	94.71	100.80	-0.43	2.29
UK Equity Gth	33.98	36.15	-0.37	3.74

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 556 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	72.71	77.35	+0.28	0.50
Extra Income	23.71	25.22†	-0.08	3.54
Far East	25.15	26.75†	+0.47	0.96
Income Gwth	70.88	75.40†	-1.51	3.12
Intl Growth	49.86	53.04†	-0.19	0.89
Japan	59.31	63.10	+1.79	...
Maximum Dist	100.70	102.70	...	7.36
N Amer Equity	38.51	40.97	-0.74	0.49
UK Equity	84.89	90.31	-0.95	3.23

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	51.91	55.22	-0.88	4.82

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690095

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	413.40	439.80	-7.10	2.94
Equity Acc	784.70	834.80	-13.40	2.94
Equity Income	89.28	94.98	-1.28	5.20
European	93.23	99.18	+0.37	1.72
Far Eastern	169.00	179.80	+1.40	0.52
Fixed Interest	51.14	54.40†	-0.04	7.40
Gilt	92.27	97.85	-0.25	7.00
Global Growth	63.02	67.04	+0.26	0.78
Intl Bond	55.99	58.93	+0.40	5.00
Japanese	65.41	69.59	+1.12	...
Overseas Equity	91.79	97.65	+0.46	0.81
Pacific Gth	78.43	83.44†	+0.73	1.34

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	310.20	330.00	+1.20	3.00
-do- Acc	671.70	714.60	+2.80	3.00
Contl Euro Gth	50.29	52.94	+0.09	1.34
-do- Acc	53.18	55.98	+0.10	1.34
Extra Inc	236.20	251.30	-2.40	4.05
-do- Acc	574.50	611.20	-5.70	4.05
German Gth	100.10	105.40	+0.40	0.33
-do- Acc	105.00	110.60	+0.40	0.33
Growth Port	476.20	506.70	-2.20	0.63
-do- Acc	476.20	506.70	-2.30	0.63
Income	441.40	469.60	-5.40	3.83
-do- Acc	1118.0	1190.0	-14.00	3.83
Income Port	483.90	514.00	-2.10	4.77
-do- Acc	483.90	514.00	-2.10	4.77
Japan Growth	91.25	97.08	+3.00	0.01
-do- Acc	91.57	97.42	+3.01	0.01
Master Trust	50.63	53.87	-0.10	1.47
-do- Acc	55.06	58.58	-0.12	1.47
N American Gen	173.90	185.00	-3.10	0.01
-do- Acc	200.90	213.80	-3.50	0.01
NAm Sm Co Acc	127.50	135.70	+0.50	0.01
-do- Acc	130.30	138.50	+0.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	188.90	201.00	-1.60	0.66
-do- Acc	199.60	212.40	-1.70	0.66
Small Cos Acc	293.70	309.20	-0.30	2.48
-do- Acc	378.80	398.80	-0.50	2.48
UK Growth	77.10	82.03	-0.63	2.34
-do- Acc	89.91	95.65	-0.73	2.34
Worldwide Gth	265.20	282.20	-0.30	0.29
-do- Acc	390.80	415.80	-0.40	0.29

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	76.22	81.78	-0.81	3.00
Income	57.79	62.01†	-0.52	6.10
International	54.75	58.74	+0.17	0.80
American	57.50	61.69	-0.74	0.40
Japan	49.55	53.16	+1.67	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.80	56.65†	-0.19	2.00

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	377.00	398.00	...	0.87
-do- Acc	465.20	491.10	...	0.87
American Rec	398.30	421.20	...	0.22
-do- Acc	455.70	481.80	...	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	113.50	120.10	...	0.02
Australia Acc	137.70	145.50	...	1.40
Capital	619.70	665.30	...	2.82
-do- Acc	683.80	728.00	...	2.82
Commodity Acc	399.00	421.90	...	1.01
Compnd Gth	803.30	849.50	...	2.91
Dividend	33.70	36.10	...	4.41
-do- Acc	131.30	140.60	...	4.41
Equity Inc	280.50	296.60	...	5.09
European Div	56.60	60.30	...	4.63
-do- Acc	64.00	68.20	...	4.63
European Gen	371.00	392.30	...	1.62
-do- Acc	463.50	490.00	...	...
Fund of Inv	481.10	508.80	...	2.28
-do- Acc	868.00	918.10	...	2.28
General	52.40	55.40	...	3.59
-do- Acc	138.00	146.00	...	3.59
Gilt Fxd Int	62.00	62.00	...	7.99
do Acc	153.00	153.20	...	7.99
Gold	41.50	43.90	...	1.43
-do- Acc	48.60	51.40	...	1.43
High Inc	24.00	25.40	...	4.65
-do- Acc	88.80	94.20	...	4.65
Intl Growth	65.60	69.50	...	0.98
-do- Acc	113.10	119.90	...	0.98
Intl Inc	89.00	94.10	...	4.86
Japan Gen Acc	46.30	49.10	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	129.70	137.10	...	...
Midland	50.60	53.50	...	3.99
-do- Acc	160.00	169.20	...	3.99
Recovery	34.50	36.90	...	3.17
-do- Acc	54.50	58.00	...	3.17
Second Gen	58.90	62.30	...	3.64
-do- Acc	144.80	152.40	...	3.64
Smaller Cos	56.20	59.40	...	3.52
-do- Acc	106.30	112.70	...	3.52
Trustee	37.40	39.60	...	4.04
Charifund 3	£112.32	...	...	9.60
Charifund 2	618.80	625.00	...	5.08
Pension ex 1	853.10	873.90	...	4.16
NAACIF Inc 3	146.00	...	...	7.71
-do- Acc 3	£1081.2	...	...	7.71

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 688066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	131.90	141.10†	-0.70	2.42
-do- Acc	146.50	156.70†	-0.70	2.42
UK Income	108.80	116.40†	-1.52	3.02
-do- Acc	121.40	129.80†	-1.52	3.02

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	73.20	78.28	+0.74	0.65
Far East (Pacific)	128.40	136.20	+1.80	0.70
Income Growth	70.82	75.18	-0.82	3.97
European	65.01	69.01	-0.03	1.34
Nth American	55.29	58.69	-1.31	1.13
UK Growth	74.97	79.58	-0.67	1.38
Intl Growth	88.34	93.77†	+0.91	0.69
Charities	107.40	114.00	-0.40	4.06

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	65.94	70.00†	+0.08	3.95
Japan	48.86	51.86†	+1.87	0.08

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	184.00	195.10	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	196.80	208.60	-1.70	...
Cash	101.00	101.00	...	5.60
-do- Acc	128.60	128.60	...	5.69
European Gth	188.00	199.80	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	201.20	213.80	+0.90	...
General	443.30	473.30†	-5.20	2.74
-do- Acc	847.80	904.40†	-11.70	2.74
Global Dist	130.40	137.20	+0.60	5.68
-do- Acc	148.90	153.95†	-0.70	5.68
Income	134.20	143.10†	-1.30	5.09
-do- Acc	196.40	209.40†	-1.90	5.09
International	365.40	388.80	-0.90	0.96
-do- Acc	484.70	515.60	-1.30	0.96
Japan	163.20	173.70	+3.50	...
-do- Acc	168.10	178.30	+3.50	...
New Europe	130.40	139.10	-0.30	1.44
-do- Acc	132.50	141.40	-0.30	1.44
Recovery	286.30	305.30	-2.30	2.50
-do- Acc	357.60	381.50	-2.80	2.50
European Inc	73.46	77.86	+0.48	3.01
-do- Acc	93.19	98.78	+0.61	3.01
Brit Blue Chip	70.13	74.71	-0.98	3.69
-do- Acc	82.71	88.11	-1.16	3.69
Portfolio	71.67	76.16†	-0.50	3.14
-do- Acc	81.50	86.61†	-0.56	3.14
Gold General	80.63	86.01	+2.39	2.82
-do- Acc	81.74	87.19	+2.43	2.82
Pacific	82.73	88.24	+0.94	0.56
-do- Acc	87.45	93.28	+0.99	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	49.71	53.03†	+0.02	1.08
-do- Acc	55.48	59.18†	+0.02	1.08

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 528 200
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	55.89	59.77†	-0.43	3.35
-do- Acc	56.73	60.67	-0.44	3.35
British Dist	75.27	80.50	-1.47	2.41
-do- Acc	85.21	91.13	-1.66	2.41
European Gth	163.20	174.30	+1.00	0.16
-do- Acc	204.90	218.80	+1.20	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.44	71.00†	-0.51	6.75
-do- Acc	116.90	125.00	-0.90	6.75
FT-SE 100 Index	47.30	50.59	-0.99	2.97
-do- Acc	47.30	50.59	-0.99	2.97
Gilt Fixed Inr	56.13	58.43†	+0.03	7.05
-do- Acc	147.70	153.70	+0.10	7.05
High Yield	213.40	228.20	-2.30	5.13
-do- Acc	489.70	523.70	-5.20	5.13
Income	269.60	288.30	-4.60	3.86
-do- Acc	560.40	599.40	-9.50	3.86
Japan Gth	321.70	344.10	+7.80	...
-do- Acc	339.60	363.20	+8.00	...
Mandarin Acc	90.53	96.82	+1.04	1.68
North American	158.40	169.40	-1.40	0.52
-do- Acc	199.10	212.90	-1.80	0.52

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	249.80	266.90	-3.90	0.46
Deposit Inc	100.19	100.19	+0.02	5.44
Deposit Acc	121.77	121.77	+0.03	5.44
Euro Gth Acc	251.80	269.00	+2.10	...
Europa	114.60	123.40	+0.70	...
Intl Gth	163.00	174.00	+0.30	...
Japan Tracker	72.03	76.52	+2.17	...
UK Equity Inc	140.60	151.40†	-1.30	5.14
-do- Acc	172.30	185.50†	-1.60	5.14
UK Ind Tracker	138.90	148.70	-1.60	3.56
US Eq Ind Trkr	185.50	196.60†	-1.60	1.35
-do- Acc	196.20	207.90†	+1.70	1.35
Asian Trader	140.20	152.20†	+2.50	1.02

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	162.80	166.40	+2.70	2.43
European	59.60	60.93	+0.47	1.12
Olympiad	51.67	52.92	+0.11	0.52
Global Bond	47.45	47.98	+0.06	6.73
Smaller Cos	62.80	65.51	-0.16	1.23
Equity Income	89.97	92.47†	-1.12	5.18
UK Growth	80.38	82.82†	-0.48	1.88

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	45.85	48.98	-0.79	0.87
Australian Acc	282.40	303	-1.00	...
Conscience	62.71	66.92	+0.62	1.51
-do- Acc	67.33	71.85	+0.66	1.51
European	165.10	176.10†	+0.10	1.18
-do- Acc	177.70	189.50	+0.20	1.18
Extra Income	71.05	75.82	-0.80	6.24
-do- Acc	107.50	114.70	-1.20	6.24
Far East Gth	148.20	158.40	+2.70	0.06
Gilt Fxd Int	57.96	61.35	-0.06	8.88
Gold	32.80	35.26	+1.31	...
-do- Acc	35.32	37.97	+1.31	...
Income	50.63	54.00	-0.82	5.56
-do- Acc	151.80	161.90	-2.40	5.56
International	28.09	30.12	-0.06	1.19
-do- Acc	40.36	43.28	-0.08	1.19
Jap Sm Cos Acc	285.40	304.40	+6.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	157.70	169.10	+5.80	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.00	25.80	-0.06	1.98
Special Sits	31.01	33.34†	-0.54	2.04
-do- Acc	35.72	38.40	-0.62	2.04
Tokyo	80.30	85.65	+2.41	...
-do- Acc	81.12	86.52	+2.44	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	66.12	70.35	-1.10	2.96
N&P Glt Fxd Int	72.86	77.11†	+0.07	7.53
N&P Higher Inc	183.80	195.10	-1.30	5.09
N&P UK Income	98.23	105.06	-1.60	4.13
N&P Intl	83.48	89.77	+0.41	1.97
N&P Smaller Cos	72.33	77.36†	-0.11	1.68

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	155.62	165.56†	-0.86	2.54
Global	265.23	282.17†	+0.55	1.29
Growth	101.99	108.51†	+0.47	2.50
Income	194.28	206.69†	-1.69	4.60
Intl Bond	124.87	132.48†	+0.35	7.02

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	133.10	142.10	-1.40	2.77
-do- Acc	233.90	246.20	-2.30	2.77
Income	210.80	224.20†	-2.20	3.88
Intl Equity	214.40	228.00	+1.50	1.02
-do- Acc	234.60	249.60	+1.60	1.02
Equity	211.80	225.30	-2.60	2.66
-do- Acc	429.40	456.70	-5.30	2.66
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.05	71.33	-0.50	2.15
UK Income	58.42	62.15	-0.68	3.37
UK Smlr Co Acc	68.82	73.20	-0.15	1.75
New Europe Acc	60.08	63.91	+0.06	1.45

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	82.79	88.55	+1.23	0.45
PEP Gth Inc	94.66	101.25	-0.46	1.34
Intl Gth	450.99	482.35	+1.06	0.76
Income	280.25	299.74†	-4.40	3.47
W wide Recov	278.08	297.42	-0.77	0.67
American Gth	190.89	204.17	-2.69	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	169.54	181.33	+0.40	0.22
Far East Gth	194.12	207.62	+2.03	0.08

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	108.35	115.89	+0.74	1.09
UK Growth	72.49	77.54	-1.08	3.00
High Income	78.82	84.31	-0.95	4.67
Japanese Gth	194.75	207.29	+5.34	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	164.20	174.60†	+1.30	0.90
High Income	107.30	114.20	+0.10	3.52
Conv Gilt	107.70	114.60†	-4.60	6.43
Far East	276.30	293.00†	+3.00	0.38

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	46.88	49.87	-0.75	0.99
Emerging Mkts	60.29	64.14	+1.18	0.23
General	46.46	49.43	-0.91	3.46
International	80.30	85.43†	-0.01	1.33
Gilt Units	26.43	27.25	-0.05	8.06
Global PEP	34.20	36.38†	-0.30	2.14
Income Gth	62.01	65.97	-1.15	5.33
European	41.96	44.64†	+0.12	1.19
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.46	27.09†	...	6.15

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.88	31.95†	+0.09	1.61
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.44	101.44†	+0.03	5.32
-do- Acc	104.51	104.51†	+0.03	5.32
Pru Equity	644.42	689.21	-11.60	2.46
Pru Equity Inc	78.83	84.31†	-1.23	4.56
Pru European	169.57	181.35	-0.63	1.88
Pru Global Gth	76.80	82.13	-0.41	1.56
Pru High Inc	84.47	90.34†	-0.52	5.68
Pru Intl	154.16	164.87	-0.06	1.31
Pru Intl Sm Co	65.11	69.63†	+0.43	0.02
Pru Japanese	187.60	200.73†	+6.53	...
Pru Nth Amer	138.32	147.93	-0.92	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	69.24	74.05	+0.99	1.90
Pru Prefr Inc	49.82	51.87	+0.23	7.38
Pru Smlr Cos	80.66	86.26	-0.22	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	95.73	102.38	-1.65	2.26
Pru UK Grwth	106.96	114.39†	-1.78	2.37

** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	152.50	161.73	-2.74	3.73
NC Japan	254.94	273.24	+6.51	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.66	98.55	-1.36	2.55
NC America Inc	458.68	492.84	-2.91	0.58
-do- Acc	532.76	572.44	-3.37	0.58
NC Smlr UK Cos	249.66	272.44†	-0.44	1.86
NC European	248.51	265.34	+3.72	1.53

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	71.35	75.90	-1.03	3.81
Capital Units	138.30	147.10	-0.60	1.43
Commodity	96.07	102.80†	-0.20	1.27
European Gth	145.90	154.70	-1.00	1.41
Financial Sec	165.10	175.60	-1.90	1.92
High Return	206.30	219.40	-1.60	4.64
High Yield	199.00	211.70†	-1.90	3.81
Income Units	104.80	111.40	-0.30	4.94
Investment	164.40	174.80†	-0.45	1.34
Japan Gth	138.60	147.40	+8.40	...
Japan Smaller	164.70	175.20	+2.70	...
Masterfund	43.82	46.61	-0.06	0.97
Scotbits	240.70	256.00	-2.70	1.64
Scotshares	249.90	265.80	...	2.83
Scotyields	217.40	231.20†	-1.40	4.03
Select Intl	124.10	132.00†	-1.00	0.75
Smaller Cos	211.80	225.40†	+0.10	4.26
Special Situation	106.80	113.60	-0.20	0.74
UK Equity	217.40	231.20	-1.60	2.90
US Growth	134.70	143.20†	-3.60	0.34

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Hse: 0800 526 535. Broker Hse: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	228.59	243.82	-2.87	0.74
-do- Acc	246.95	263.40	-3.11	0.74
Australian	129.04	137.64	+1.30	1.45
-do- Acc	151.71	161.81	+1.52	1.45
UK Enterprise	200.44	213.80†	-3.29	2.82
-do- Acc	231.55	246.98	-3.80	2.82
European Gth	59.25	63.19†	+0.26	1.38
-do- Acc	61.33	65.41	+0.26	1.38
Euro Smllr Cos	55.37	59.06†	+0.39	0.69
-do- Acc	55.75	59.46	+0.39	0.69
Far Eastern Gth	64.67	68.98	+1.31	...
-do- Acc	65.72	70.09	+1.33	...
Fixed Interest	51.77	54.60†	-0.27	8.60
-do- Acc	63.61	67.09	-0.33	8.60
Gilt Income	102.50	108.00†	-0.19	8.45
-do- Acc	143.35	150.93†	-0.26	8.45
Income	292.60	312.10†	-5.21	4.60
-do- Acc	863.21	920.78	-15.37	4.60
Japan Enterprise	61.94	66.06†	+1.81	...
-do- Acc	61.94	66.06	+1.81	...
Japan Smllr Cos	385.63	411.33†	+11.46	...
-do- Acc	386.40	412.15	+11.48	...
Pacific Gth	83.12	88.66	+1.80	0.54
-do- Acc	85.59	91.29	+1.85	0.54
Smaller Cos	182.43	194.59†	-0.16	1.29
-do- Acc	209.08	223.01	-0.18	1.29
Tokyo	98.31	104.86†	+3.51	0.01
-do- Acc	99.30	105.92	+3.55	0.01
UK Equity	199.19	212.46†	-3.48	3.13
-do- Acc	368.87	393.46	-6.44	3.13
US Smllr Cos	126.93	135.39	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	126.93	135.39	-1.80	...
World Fd	67.77	72.28	-0.33	1.73
-do- Acc	71.45	76.20	-0.35	1.73

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	43.10	45.90	-0.09	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.85	66.94	+0.18	1.80
European Opps	70.16	74.72	-0.44	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.29	100.83	+0.01	5.64
UK Smaller Cos	48.11	51.24	-0.17	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	334.40	357.30	-6.20	3.05
American	238.00	253.50	-2.90	0.93
Pacific	308.50	329.90	+6.00	0.74
European	445.80	476.80	+2.50	1.21
Worldwide	75.67	80.93	+0.04	1.35

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	296.80	315.80	-4.50	2.88
UK Sm Cos Eqty	189.50	201.70	-0.80	2.41
European	319.50	339.90†	+1.20	1.99
North American	240.50	255.90†	-3.10	0.58
Income Plus Inc	63.29	67.33†	-1.04	4.01
UK Spec Sits	64.31	68.42†	-1.15	2.51

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	24.62	26.35†	-0.23	3.17
Intl Growth Acc	27.63	29.57†	+0.26	1.38
Global Inc Acc	30.52	32.67	+0.27	4.20
Market Ldr Acc	25.59	27.39	-0.20	3.20

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	79.14	84.64	-0.94	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Spec Sits	43.89	46.75†	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	46.48	49.50	+0.20	...
Far East Opps	29.00	31.30	+0.56	...
-do- Acc	29.79	32.16	+0.57	...
General Growth	96.71	103.60	-1.70	2.23
Global Tech	110.10	119.20	-2.30	...
Income Growth	97.70	105.00	-1.90	3.84
Income Monthly	55.70	59.57	-0.38	4.71
Japan Growth	75.52	80.31	+2.33	...
Overseas Gth	73.29	78.07	+0.51	...
Smaller Cos	69.55	74.78†	-0.06	1.79
Special Opps	96.96	104.20	-0.30	2.35
Wld Spec Sits	44.89	48.40	+0.52	...
-do- Acc	44.99	48.51	+0.52	...

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	42.79	45.47	...	1.61
Equity Gth Acc	57.75	61.36	...	1.39
UK Eq General	41.50	44.10†	...	2.36
-do- Acc	54.88	58.31	...	2.36
European Acc	40.00	42.50	...	1.15
Far East Acc	49.80	52.92	...	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.00	31.73†	...	6.68
N American Acc	42.65	45.32	...	0.71
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	259.60	281.70	...	1.53
UK Eq High Inc	34.47	36.63†	...	3.99
-do- Acc	40.93	43.49	...	3.99
UK Lgr Cos Inc	284.00	308.20†	...	3.84
UK Lgr Cos Acc	369.80	401.30	...	3.84

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N233.47	N233.68	...	1.14
US Eq	$2.074	$2.203	...	0.79
Far East Eq	Y219.8	Y233.4	...	...
Japan Eq	Y220.1	Y233.7	...	...
FT Europe	112.00	118.90	...	2.13
FT North Am	$1.732	$1.837	...	1.06
FT Japan	Y215.0	Y228.4	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	115.10	122.20	...	1.78

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	331.30	352.10	-2.80	0.30
British	918.60	971.90†	-10.00	4.36
European	378.40	403.00	+2.80	1.49
Japan	132.60	141.10	+3.90	...
New Pacific	280.00	298.20	+3.30	1.31
Mngd Cash	95.42	95.42†	...	5.34
Majority Stlg	99.57	100.56†	+0.03	5.24
Inv Tst	177.20	187.80†	-1.20	1.90
Saints PPP	372.30	391.90	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Adms, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	709.10	758.40	-11.80	2.52
N America Acc	108.00	115.50	-3.00	0.17
Far East Acc	114.00	121.90	+1.50	...
W wide Bond	59.81	63.49†	+0.35	5.39
European	80.24	85.82	+0.21	0.36
Equity Income	79.76	85.30	-2.26	3.72

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	32.79	35.07	-0.51	0.64
Managed Assets	115.23	123.25	-0.68	3.35
UK Income	35.60	38.08	-0.55	3.04
UK Growth	35.09	37.53	-0.43	2.34
Worldwide Gth	29.76	31.83	+0.17	0.47

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	196.28	208.81	-1.84	0.01
-do- Acc	215.58	229.34	-2.02	0.01
British Gth	81.93	87.16†	-1.51	2.10
-do- Acc	96.40	102.56†	-1.77	2.10
European	90.25	96.01	-0.67	0.87
-do- Acc	95.30	101.28	-0.70	0.87
Extra Inc	178.99	190.42†	-4.23	4.22
-do- Acc	285.54	303.77†	-6.75	4.22
General Unit	252.77	268.90	-4.80	2.77
-do- Acc	498.77	530.61	-9.47	2.77
Income	310.38	330.19	-8.27	3.61
-do- Acc	632.20	672.55	-16.85	3.61
International	464.12	493.75	-1.50	0.55
-do- Acc	606.68	645.41	-1.96	0.55
Pacific	309.72	329.49	-2.43	0.01
-do- Acc	324.37	345.07	-2.55	0.01
Premier Income	50.96	53.08	-0.01	6.71
-do- Acc	104.66	109.02	-0.02	6.71
Nat Resources	94.51	100.54†	+0.01	0.65
-do- Acc	103.66	110.27†	+0.01	0.65
Selected Opps	92.18	98.06†	-1.91	1.30
-do- Acc	115.40	122.77†	-2.39	1.30

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	65.26	69.61	-0.28	...
-do- Acc	67.30	71.78	-0.30	...
Cash	50.26	50.26	+0.02	6.25
-do- Acc	61.37	61.37	+0.02	6.25
European Opps	60.28	64.29	+0.18	0.46
-do- Acc	60.91	64.97	+0.19	0.46
Far East Opps	137.06	146.19†	+2.23	...
-do- Acc	140.26	149.61†	+2.30	...
Gold/Nat. Res	39.74	42.38	-0.08	...
-do- Acc	40.87	43.59	-0.07	...
Japan	73.35	78.24	+1.97	...
-do- Acc	73.35	78.24	+1.97	...
Little Dragons	60.73	64.77	-0.63	0.77
-do- Acc	62.29	66.44	-0.64	0.77
Oriental Income	39.89	42.54†	+0.32	3.74
-do- Acc	50.94	54.33†	+0.43	3.74
Tiger	195.79	208.84	+1.79	1.26
-do- Acc	204.79	218.44	+1.87	1.26
UK Small Cos	65.14	69.66	-0.57	2.28
-do- Acc	75.99	81.22	-0.67	2.28

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	13.10	13.93	+0.32	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.49	31.37	+0.32	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.97	39.35	-0.16	0.10
Global Bond	$0.963	$1.003	+0.03	7.29
Penny Share	21.45	22.81	-0.04	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.45	52.45	...	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.39	69.08	+0.22	...
Gilt Income	53.25	54.38†	+0.12	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	107.10	108.50†	+0.20	3.50
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.722	-0.000	...
Challenger	91.20	93.32	+0.72	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarkets Fd	66.03	70.24	-0.51	2.04

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	3,400	Cents Vyla	1,300	Legal & Gn	433	Scot & New	1,200
Alld-Lyons	996	Cm Union	886	Lloyds Bk	1,000	Scot Power	1,400
Anglian W	361	Courtaulds	283	MB Cardn	815	Sears	2,700
Argyll Gp	4,000	De La Rue	685	Marks Spr	2,300	Svrn Trent	663
Arjo Wiggn	2,600	Eng China C	403	NFC	1,000	Shell Trans	2,700
AB Foods	134	Enterpr Oil	105	NatWst Bk	1,300	Siebe	374
BAA	933	Fisons	1,300	Nat Power	2,400	SmKl Bch	2,500
BAT Inds	8,200	Forte	4,600	Nth Wst W	277	Smith Nph	1,100
BOC	1,000	GRE	701	Nthrn Fds	1,300	Smith (WH)	154
BP	2,700	GUS A	318	P & O	356	Sthrn Elec	317
BT	5,900	Gen Acc	1,000	Pearson	579	Std Chand	297
BTR	2,100	Gen Elec	5,200	PowerGen	611	Sun Allnce	630
Bk of Scot	951	Glaxo	2,300	Prudential	2,700	TI Gp	1,100
Barclays	2,200	Granada	1,900	RTZ	637	TSB	1,600
Bass	1,600	Grand Met	2,500	Rank Org	210	Tate & Lyle	1,300
Blue Circle	460	Guinness	5,200	Reckitt Col	597	Tesco	6,400
Boots	766	HSBC	3,800	Redland	1,100	Thames W	516
Bowater	456	Hanson	4,100	Reed Intl	407	Thrn EMI	820
Brit Airwys	5,700	ICI	777	Rentokil	799	Tomkins	2,700
Brit Gas	3,900	Inchcape	1,000	Reuters	204	Unilever	1,900
Brit Steel	3,800	Kingfisher	870	Rothmans	364	Utd Bisc	650
Burmah Cast	371	Kwik Save	207	Ryl Ins	1,300	Vodafone	1,400
Cable Wire	1,600	LASMO	1,700	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000	Wellcome	3,000
Cadbury	796	Ladbroke	3,500	Sainsbury	1,400	Whitbd 'A'	1,500
Carlton Cm	869	Land Secs	457	Scot Hydro	812	Wllms Hld	600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3378.65 (+7.84)
S&P Composite 442.07 (+0.68)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19759.46 (+312.52)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng Closed

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 106.7 (-0.1)

Sydney: AO 1670.5 (-12.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1658.69 (-3.06)

FT 30 share: 2196.8 (-26.6)

Brussels:
General 6283.27 (-29.20)

Paris: CAC 536.41 (-2.69)

Zurich: SKA Gen 489.7 (-3.9)

London:
FT A All-Share 1392.18 (-12.95)
FT 500 1523.68 (-13.75)
FT Gold Mines 132.1 (+6.2)
FT Fixed Interest 112.83 (+0.10)
FT Govt Secs 96.84 (-0.26)
Bargains 39630
SEAQ Volume 437.7m
USM (Datastrm) 131.23 (-1.20)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 5/4/93: Avesco, BM Group, Denistron Intl, Enterprise Oil, Telemetrix, Unigate, Whitecroft.
Puts & Calls: ASDA, TR Property Inv.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2868.0	2872.5	2844.0	2851.0	8981
Previous open interest: 42610	Sep 93				2869.5	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.18	94.23	94.15	94.17	9314
Previous open interest: 287631	Sep 93	94.33	94.36	94.29	94.31	3953
	Dec 93	94.30	94.32	94.25	94.26	1293
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.69	96.69	96.69	96.69	72
Previous open interest: 17403	Sep 93	96.48	96.49	96.48	96.50	2
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.76	92.82	92.75	92.77	18364
Previous open interest: 498320	Sep 93	93.67	93.71	93.65	93.67	9560
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				108-14	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				107-06	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	106-16	106-18	105-25	105-25	24829
Previous open interest: 56996	Sep 93				104-28	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.20	108.21	108.10	108.10	489
	Sep 93				107.49	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.28	95.49	95.24	95.34	30557
Previous open interest: 149783	Sep 93	95.66	95.66	95.62	95.59	144
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.84	91.85	91.80	91.80	656
Previous open interest: 17240	Sep 93	92.70	92.76	92.70	92.70	686
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.40	95.42	95.31	95.32	3992
Previous open interest: 35249	Sep 93	95.81	95.83	95.75	95.74	713
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	93.05	93.28	92.74	93.00	10479
Previous open interest: 53431	Sep 93	92.90	92.90	92.90	92.90	1

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.6 (day's range 79.6-79.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7236-2.7960	2.7250-2.7284	[illegible]ds	1-1[illegible]ds
Brussels	49.92-50.15	49.92-50.03	9-12ds	26-32ds
Copenhagen	9.3140-9.3500	9.3260-9.3410	2[illegible]-6ds	11[illegible]-14[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0010-1.0038	1.0013-1.0034	71-81ds	23-29ds
Frankfurt	2.4243-2.4293	2.4243-2.4275	[illegible]ds	1[illegible]-1[illegible]ds
Lisbon	224.28-225.27	224.28-224.74	258-283ds	588-647ds
Madrid	173.16-174.47	173.16-173.59	106-117ds	320-355ds
Milan	2409.10-2427.40	2409.10-2413.80	10-13ds	34-37ds
Montreal	1.9135-1.9216	1.9180-1.9201	0.38-0.21pr	0.69-0.33pr
New York	1.5165-1.5200	1.5190-1.5200	0.36-0.35pr	1.03-1.00pr
Oslo	10.3150-10.3520	10.3290-10.3440	1[illegible]-3[illegible]ds	5[illegible]-8[illegible]ds
Paris	8.2170-8.2490	8.2170-8.2310	2[illegible]-2[illegible]ds	8-9ds
Stockholm	11.4830-11.5310	11.5150-11.5310	2[illegible]-5ds	9[illegible]-12[illegible]ds
Tokyo	172.42-172.90	172.63-172.90	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.03-17.12	17.04-17.09	2[illegible]-3[illegible]ds	6[illegible]-8[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.2414-2.2507	2.2455-2.2486	[illegible]pr-par	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5158-1.5184
Australia dollar	2.1623-2.1654
Bahrain dinar	0.5665-0.5785
Brazil cruzeiro*	39654.2-39680.9
Cyprus pound	0.72-0.73
Finland marka	8.7595-8.8755
Greece drachma	327.5-334.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.7330-11.7424
India rupee	47.13-48.09
Kuwait dinar KD	0.453-0.463
Malaysia ringgit	3.9301-3.9343
Mexico peso	4.63-4.73
New Zealand dollar	2.8469-2.8542
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.632-5.758
Singapore dollar	2.4682-2.4715
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9200-6.9703
S Africa rand (com)	4.8322-4.8400
U A E dirham	5.5155-5.6395

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4245-1.4255
Austria	11.23-11.25
Belgium (Com)	32.92-32.96
Canada	1.2615-1.2620
Denmark	6.145-6.150
France	5.4225-5.4275
Germany	1.5975-1.5985
Hong Kong	7.7293-7.7303
Ireland	1.515-1.517
Italy	1590.0-1592.0
Japan	113.65-113.75
Malaysia	2.589-2.590
Netherlands	10.342-10.357
Norway	6.805-6.810
Portugal	148.0-148.2
Singapore	1.626-1.627
Spain	114.4-114.5
Sweden	7.575-7.580
Switzerland	1.480-1.481

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 6 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	6[illegible]-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]
Interbank	6[illegible]-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]

Overnight: open 6, close 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.06	n/a	3.12-3.08	3.22-3.18	3.45-3.43
Building Society CDs:	6-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]	3[illegible]-3	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]
Deutschemark:	8[illegible]-8[illegible]	8[illegible]-8[illegible]	8[illegible]-7[illegible]	7[illegible]-7[illegible]	8[illegible]-7[illegible]
French Franc:	10[illegible]-10[illegible]	10[illegible]-10[illegible]	10[illegible]-9[illegible]	9[illegible]-9[illegible]	11[illegible]-10[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	4[illegible]-[illegible]	5[illegible]-4[illegible]
Yen:	3[illegible]-3	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $339.10-339.40 Close: $339.30-339.80 High: $340.00-340.50
Low: $337.90-338.40 Krugerrand: $339.00-340.00 (£222.00-224.00)
Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£51.00-53.00) New $80.00-83.00 (£51.00-53.00)
Platinum: $363.75 (£239.80) Silver: $3.91 (£2.565) Palladium: $114.75 (£75.65)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
All Lyon	550	29	46	56	3	22	28
(*574½)	600	3	19	32	27	51	57
ASDA	67	7	9	12	3	6½	8½
(*67)	76	1	5	6½	9½	13	15
Bass	550	10	33	46	10	31	40
(*548½)	600	1	14	26	54	65	72
Boots	460	16	37	47	4½	18	23
(*471½)	500	2	17	28	32	41	44
Br Airways	280	7	23	32	5	18	22
(*275)	300	2	14	22	19	28	33
BP	280	20	30	33	1½	10	14
(*299½)	300	4½	18	23	6½	18	24
	330	1	8	12	34	39	43
Br Steel	80	6½	11½	14	1	7	9
(*82½)	90	1	6	9½	7½	13	15
C & W	700	27	53	66	4½	29	37
(*722½)	750	3	27	41	33	56	64
CU	580	27	52	58	2½	16	27
(*606)	629	4	25	34	30	40	52
Courtauld	550	20	40	55	4	27	36
(*564)	600	3	17	32	38	59	64
GKN	460	7	29	36	9	25	35
(*456½)	500	2	13	20	46	51	61
Grnd Met	420	9	30	38	6	22	28
(*423½)	460	1	13	21	39	47	51
ICI	1150	22	72	84	16	51	79
(*1155½)	1200	5	48	61	50	83	109
	1250	2	30	43	102	113	141
Kingfishr	584	12	35	46	9	31	41
(*591½)	632	1	16	28	46	63	68
Ladbroke	160	14	24	31	1½	9	15
(*171)	180	2½	14	23	11	20	26
Land Sec	500	30	37	44	1	14	21
(*527½)	550	2	11	17	25	47	50
M & S	330	14	24	31	2	13	18
(*341)	360	1½	11	18	20	32	35
Sainsbury	460	27	43	55	2	18	23
(*478)	500	5	24	35	21	41	45
Shell	550	29	46	54	2	11	19
(*576½)	600	2	19	27	27	35	44
Smkl Bch	390	32	49	58	2	16	23
(*413)	420	10	33	44	11	30	37
Storehse	200	5½	18	24	5	17	22
(*199)	220	1½	10	16	22	30	34
Trafalgar	74	4	8½	13	2½	6½	9
(*77)	83	1½	6	9	10	12	14
Unilever	1150	24	65	90	8	32	45
(*1162½)	1200	3	45	64	43	65	70
Utd Bisc	390	10	30	40	5	19	26
(*393½)	420	1½	16	26	28	37	42

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	800	27	43	61	21	39	47
(*790½)	850	8½	23	39	54	70	78
BAT Ind	900	33	60	71	35	48	68
(*887½)	950	15	38	50	67	79	99
BTR	600	22	36	44	14	22	32
(*609)	650	5	15	23	50	53	60
Br Aero	260	26	37	47	15	25	34
(*270½)	280	15	28	37	25	34	44
Br Telcm	420	23	33	39	7	17	21½
(*434)	460	5	14	21	29	40	44
Cadbury	460	37	51	58	5½	12	18
(*489½)	500	13	27	36	21	30	36
Guinness	460	34	47	60	9	18	26
(*487)	500	10	26	35	31	39	47
GEC	300	18½	25	28	4½	12½	17
(*313)	330	4	10	14½	21	30	34
Hanson	220	16	20	25	3	7½	11
(*231)	240	5	9½	13½	13	18	22
LASMO	160	11	19	26	12	19	25
(*160)	180	4½	12	18	26	32	37
Lucas	120	13	18	22	6	9	15
(*128½)	130	7½	14	17	11	15	21
P & O	550	33	60	70	13	30	42
(*564)	600	11	35	45	45	54	70
Pilkngtn	110	12	16	20	4	8	11
(*116½)	120	7	10½	15	8	14	16
Prudential	330	14	24	31	11	16	23
(*331½)	360	4	11	18	30	34	40
RTZ	650	50	66	80	8	20	30
(*682½)	700	18	40	54	28	40	55
Scot New	460	21	34	40	11	24	31
(*464½)	500	5	16	23	36	51	56
Tesco	220	17	24	29	8	13	17
(*230½)	240	6½	15	20	21	25	29
Thames W	550	19	28	36	13	29	34
(*554½)	600	4	9½	17	48	63	67
Vodafone	360	33	43	53	6	15	21
(*386½)	390	15	26	37	18	29	35

FT-SE INDEX (*2837½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Apr	103	59	24	8	2½	1
May	135	90	58	37	21	11
Jun	161	115	83	57	40	25
Jul	183	150	120	76	56	52
Dec	-	225	-	157	-	120
Puts						
Apr	5	13	33	74	114	163
May	24	40	60	90	115	173
Jun	40	55	78	104	136	165
Jul	48	70	93	108	134	168
Dec	-	120	-	160	-	210

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	34	42	49	8	16	21
(*375½)	390	16	25	33	22	31	35
Amstrad	30	5½	7	8	2	3½	4½
(*33)	35	3	4½	6	5	6	6½
Barclays	390	35	45	53	12	22	25
(*404½)	420	20	29	38	27	37	43
Blue Circ	220	12	21	25	18	24	31
(*218½)	240	5½	13	18	32	37	44
Br Gas	280	28	30	34	6	9	14
(*303)	300	12	18	23	14	17½	25
	330	3½	7½	12	37	38	44
Dixons	200	20	26	31	11	19	23
(*207½)	220	12	16	22	23	31	34
Eurotnl	460	37	55	72	38	49	59
(*462½)	500	20	39	54	59	73	81
Forte	180	8	14	19	16	22	24
(*178½)	200	5	8½	13	33	36	40
Glaxo	550	56	77	85	20	33	47
(*578)	600	30	52	61	45	58	74
	650	15	33	43	81	91	107
HSBC	600	47	66	80	24	39	50
(*615)	650	23	43	57	51	65	76
Hillsdwn	140	20	22	25	6½	10	13
(*154)	160	7½	13	15	18	21	24
Lonrho	80	10½	14	17	5½	9	11
(*84)	90	6	9	13	11	14	17
Reuter	1300	100	135	168	35	60	77
(*1350)	1350	69	104	142	54	84	99
R-Royce	120	12	17	20	8	12	15
(*123½)	130	7	12	15	13	18	21
Sears	100	6	8½	11	8	10	13
(*99)	110	2½	5½	7½	16	17	19
Thrn Emi	850	51	66	79	20	43	52
(*873½)	900	25	40	52	47	72	80
TSB	160	23	27	30	4½	8½	11
(*174½)	180	12	16	19	12	18	21
Vaal Reefs	45	8	9½	11	3	5	6½
(*$50)	50	7	7½	9½	5½	6½	8
Wellcome	700	54	83½	102	45	64½	84
(*705)	750	34	59½	81	75½	94½	112

Series		Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	180	17	26	34	2	15	20
(*194)	200	5	17	25	11	27	31

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	28	38	45	8	22	28
(*480)	500	8	18	25	30	46	51

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	25½	35	45	9½	16	19
(*344½)	360	11½	20	29½	25	30	34
Scot Pwr	330	13½	20	25	13	22	24
(*332)	350	6	11	17	26	34	37

April 5, 1993 Tot: 23898 Calls: 14510 Puts: 9388 FT-SE Calls: 6040 Puts: 3754
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee and cocoa came under pressure in what can only be described as thin pre-Easter markets. There was some hope that origins would be sidelined ahead of the holidays, providing some support. Sugar was relatively quiet in London, with New York taking the brunt of a speculative roller coaster ride.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

May	679-677	Jul	769-768
Jun	691-690	Sep	782-780
Sep	705-703	Dec	808-804
Dec	723-722	Mar	840-820
Mar	742-741		
May	755-752	Volume: 2996	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	860-858	Jan	865-863
Jul	832-830	Mar	873-867
Sep	841-839	May	877 SLR
Nov	853-850	Volume: 2483	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	220.0-10.0
Spot: 260.1		Mar	unq
May	269.0-67.0	May	228.0-24.0
Aug	279.0-77.0	Aug	unq
Oct	267.0-66.0	Volume: 9	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	291.5-90.1
Spot: 296.0		Mar	290.5-89.1
May	301.0-00.6	May	292.0-90.1
Aug	307.5-07.1	Aug	296.5-93.1
Oct	294.0-93.1	Volume: 921	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 5

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	91.62	135.61	136.59
(+/-)	+1.07	-1.26	-3.60
Eng/Wales	91.65	137.97	136.52
(+/-)	+1.08	-2.96	-3.49
(%)	-5.6	-8.8	-35.5
Scotland	90.96	122.44	137.14
(+/-)	-0.83	-8.50	-4.39
(%)	-0.5	-16.3	-49.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	unq	unq	Oct	103.5	103.5
Jun	unq	unq		Volume: 2	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

May	143.55
Jun	144.35
Sep	108.40
Nov	110.50
Jan	113.45
	Volume: 91

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	139.75
Jun	106.65
Sep	109.65
Nov	112.25
Mar	113.65
	Volume: 46

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	144.80
Jun	139.00
Aug	140.00
Oct	142.30
Dec	unq
	Volume: 3

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	46.5	40.0
May	40.0	40.5
Apr	91.0	91.4
	Volume: 349	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
May 60.75-61.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The week got off to a slow start whilst the market waited for direction.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.85	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.95	-0.05
Brent 15 day (May)	19.05	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.50	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.70	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	206 (+2)	208 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	182 (+2)	183 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	180 (-1)	182 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H May	179 (+3)	180 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	77 (n/c)	78 (n/c)
Naphtha	176 (+1)	178 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Apr	179.50-79.75	Jul	175.25-75.50
May	176.25-76.50	Aug	177.00-77.50
Jun	174.50-74.75	Sep	178.50-79.25
			Vol: 13934

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	19.05-19.06	Aug	19.06-19.09
Jun	19.12-19.15	Sep	n/a
Jul	19.05-19.06		Vol: 22503

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Apr	205.00-07.00	Jul	202.00-12.50
May	206.00-08.00	Aug	213.50 SLR
Jun	201.00-10.00		Vol: 206

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1440	1435	1429
May 93	1425	1410	1415
Jun 93	unq	unq	1325
Jul 93	1260	1260	1247

Vol: 45 lots. Open int'st: 3036 Index 1485 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1391.5-1392.0	1418.5-1419.0	969150
Lead (£/tonne)	273.50-274.50	283.00-283.50	84200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1004.0-1005.0	1023.0-1024.0	271250
Tin ($/tonne)	5660.0-5665.0	5720.0-5725.0	23365
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1119.5-1120.5	1142.0-1142.5	857600
Nickel ($/tonne)	6110.0-6115.0	6180.0-6185.0	35346

Sharp falls

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 29. *Dealings end April 16.* §Contango day April 19. Settlement day April 26. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated *on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend.* Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1	Sthn Water	Water	
2	Wace	Paper,Print	
3	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Strs	
4	Hambro Cntyw	Property	
5	News Intl	Newspapr,Pub	
6	Pilkington	Industrial	
7	Sheffield Insl	Building,Rds	
8	Reed Int	Newspapr,Pub	
9	Abbey	Building,Rds	
10	Scottish Power	Electricity	
11	MIM	Mining	
12	Northern Elec	Electricity	
13	Broken Hill	Industrial	
14	Central TV	Leisure	
15	Wld Of Leather	Drapery,Strs	
16	Kingfisher	Drapery,Strs	
17	Wescol	Building,Rds	
18	Sherwd Cmp	Business Serv	
19	London Elect	Electricity	
20	Norweb	Electricity	
21	Transfer Tech	Industrial	
22	Yorkshire Elec	Electricity	
23	Highland Distl	Breweries	
24	Antofagasta	Industrial	
25	E Dagga	Mining	
26	Sherwood Gp	Drapery,Strs	
27	Grainger	Property	
28	Swire Pacfc 'A'	Industrial	
29	Gencor	Mining	
30	Gr Portland	Property	
31	Jardine Math	Industrial	
32	WPP	Paper,Print	
33	Welsh Water	Water	
34	BTR	Industrial	
35	Norcros	Industrial	
36	Magnolia	Industrial	
37	Unisel	Mining	
38	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
39	Joseph (L)	Banks,Disc	
40	Sth Wales	Electricity	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Ntl	376	-9	11.5	3.8	14.5
248	179	Allied Irish	238	-5	...	4.7	-
176	130	Aus New Z	154½	-4½	...	6.2	...
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210	188	Winlrust	203	-5	9.3	5.7	7.8

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	558	Allied-Lyons	575	-5	20.0	4.3	13.3
647	533	Bass	550	-1	18.9	4.3	12.0
258	189	Boddington	249	...	7.3	3.7	14.5
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	413	...	9.0	2.7	19.0
159	129	Burtonwood Brw	137	-3	4.4	4.1	10.0
305	261	Devenish (JA)	304	...	7.8	3.2	17.1
[illegible]							
515	480	Young 'A'	480	-5	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	+5	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	19	...	...	...	...
106	90	Allen	97	-3	...	6.4	10.8
[illegible]							
35½	23	McCarthy & S	32½	...	...	...	...

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
335	284	Meyer Int	312	-3	16.5	6.6	32.2
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
93	62	Mowlem (J)	85	-2	10.3	...	...
[illegible]							
36	25	YRM	36	+1	4.0	...	4.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	583	-15	...	...	-
228	198	Adam & Harvey	218	...	11.0	6.3	3.4
[illegible]							
22½	14	Wills Gp	22½	...	...	0.8	30.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	227	Allied Colloids	230	-2	3.9	2.1	18.3
759	613	Amersham	715	-3	12.5	2.2	28.5
[illegible]							
306	240	Yule Catto	293	-4	5.4	2.3	17.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	83	-7	3.0	4.5	...
70	43	Amber Day	67	...	3.1	5.8	18.4
[illegible]							
185	146	Wyevale	185	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	168	-1	4.5	3.4	16.3
238	223	Acal	238	...	...	3.1	19.0
[illegible]							
149	47	Kewill Sys	130	-10	...	...	6.5

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
203	100	Kode	178	-6	5.5	3.0	-
[illegible]							
245	223	Wholesale Ftgs	225	...	11.7	6.5	21.4

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
472	389	East Midlands	470	+7	17.1	4.5	9.0
484	390	Eastern Elect	480	+8	16.7	4.3	11.9
352½	304	Hydro-Elect	350½	-1½	10.1	3.7	12.3
500	404	London Elect	489	+4	16.8	4.3	9.4
547	458	Manweb	538	+5	18.2	4.2	7.8
[illegible]							
349	273	PowerGen	345	...	...	3.8	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	55	...	0.5	...	35.1
[illegible]							
99	83	STP Capital	93	...	3.0	4.0	16.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1775	-9½	...	...	...
[illegible]							
78	55	Trio Hldgs	69	+1	...	5.4	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	484	-5	14.0	3.6	11.3
77½	53	ASDA Group	67	-1½	...	3.0	21.6
[illegible]							
337	248	Watson & Phil	325	-1	13.3	5.1	16.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Ha	16	...	...	...	...
[illegible]							
54	34½	Stakis	48	-1	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	183	AAF Inds	204	...	...	5.2	11.9
616	518	AAH	525	-2	16.3	3.9	16.7
[illegible]							
169	131	Relyon	149	...	4.9	4.1	-

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1628	-10	45.0	3.5	-
[illegible]							
312	263	-do- Small	290	-4	4.0	1.7	64.4

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	3	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
345	275	Airtours	291	-4	7.2	3.1	10.3
[illegible]							
108	83	Zetters Gp	106	...	8.0	9.4	10.7

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1612½	Alex & Alex	1637½	+25	...	4.2	...
[illegible]							
22	19	FAI	19	...	...	...	...

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3275	1800	Am Gold	3275	+137½	...	6.7	14.9
[illegible]							
34	18	Zandpan	34	+2	...	...	9.7

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
[illegible]							
170	121	Westland	161	...	4.2	3.3	14.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	108	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.0	19.4
[illegible]							
595	494	Utd Newspapers	548	-2	...	4.9	13.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet	16	-½	...	...	...
[illegible]							
67	47	Seafield	64	-2	...	...	...

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
606	515	Shell	577½	-½	21.9	4.7	-
203	195	Sunrise Eng Sv	197	...	...	...	...
10½	5½	Teredo	5½	...	...	...	...
41	25	Triton Europe	25	...	...	...	6.1
8½	6½	Viking Grp	7½	...	...	...	...
168	143½	Woodside	154½	...	...	2.5	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	249	API	295	...	7.5	3.3	24.8
190	144	Arjo Wiggins	184	...	...	4.4	18.2
[illegible]							
74	55	Wood (SW)	65	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	65	...	3.5	6.9	55.2
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
[illegible]							
50	40	Wood John Dv	50	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15	11	Autodiagito	15	+1	...	...	...
108	91	Headlam	108	...	2.4	2.8	42.8
500	330	Lambert	410	...	13.0	4.0	-
100	80	Pittard Garnar	83	-1	2.0	3.0	-
27	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.0	5.8
150	89	Stylo	125	...	2.5	2.5	...

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	478	-5	12.6	3.3	15.4
69	60	Beckman (A)	62	...	4.7	9.6	12.3
[illegible]							
356	252	Yorklyde	355	+1	9.7	3.5	16.6

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	894	BAT	885	-42½	...	5.3	19.1
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	636	-21	10.2	2.0	14.5

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	385	...	8.5	2.8	...
813	738	BAA	800	-9	14.5	2.3	14.1
[illegible]							
298	259	TDG	272	-2	9.8	4.4	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
546	460	Anglian Water	544	-2	19.3	4.4	9.9
650½	547	Northumbrian	645	-2	20.5	4.0	6.7
528	449	North West	524	-4	19.6	4.7	9.2
526	439	Severn Trent	523	-2	19.3	4.6	7.6
548	454	Sthn Water	548	+5	19.5	4.4	9.7
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1325	...	40.2	3.8	9.6
565	467	South West	561	-2	21.7	4.8	8.5
556	468	Thames Water	555	...	19.2	4.3	10.5
607	506	Welsh Water	607	+4	21.4	4.4	7.0
642	536	Wessex Water	636	+1	...	3.8	8.6
583	506	Yorkshire W	583	+1	19.5	4.2	9.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; – Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.



Cilntec tailors aid for a a bespoke survival suit

BY DEREK HARRIS

CILNTEC, the training and enterprise council covering the City and inner London areas centred on unemployment-hit Hackney and Islington, is launching an initiative costing £75,000 in the first 12 months, to shrink its small businesses failure rate.

The scheme, dubbed "Into Business", will rely crucially on first filtering out unpromising recruits to small business and then offering counselling and training over at least a two-year period. The emphasis will be on individually tailored aid packages. There will be cash help where appropriate.

Survival rates for new businesses in the area highlight the problem: 90 per cent are still in business after a year, but six months beyond that and the proportion of survivors crashes to a third.

The Cilntec target is to help at least 1,550 new businesses with about a third directly funded by Cilntec. Around two thirds of the businesses are expected to fall outside the scope of the enterprise allowance scheme, with its £40-a-week payout for a year, but this will not preclude them from getting other help under the scheme.

The essence of the scheme will be fine-tuning, said Graham Deverill, Cilntec's enterprise director. He added: "By individual treatment we hope to gear the scheme to give what each person needs. Somebody with management experience, for instance, does not want to sit through a mass of initial training on the subject. Advice once the business is launched may, on the other hand, be helpful."

Those qualifying for enterprise allowance will get £50 a week for six months to concentrate the help when it is most needed. At the end of a year a £200 voucher can be spent on goods for the business and there will be additional payouts later.

Mr Deverill added: "Counselling, training and advice can save both time and money. We want to build quality businesses."

Details: CILNTEC, 80 Great Eastern Street, London EC2A 3DP; telephone 071 324 2424.



Blue glass makes music in US

BY IOLA SMITH

ALFONSO Guerrero, a Spanish American, and Pietro Biscaldi, an Italian, were dining at a Thai restaurant in London in 1991. They were impressed with the spring water they were served and, as international drinks distributors they thought it might have export potential.

The water came from a spring at Ty Nant, Bethania, in the Cambrian mountains of mid-Wales and Mr Guerrero and Mr Biscaldi acquired the US and Italian distribution rights.

In 1991 they obtained 40 per cent of Ty Nant and in 1992 became sole owners of the loss-making company in a crowded market.

They turned the company round to profits by exporting 80 per cent of output. In Britain, Ty Nant water is sold for about £1.10 for a 75cl bottleat department stores like Harrods and Selfridges. Restaurants and hotels including London's Savoy and Langham offer it to guests.

Mr Guerrero said: "We are among the top 15 imported waters in the United States. About 28,000 cases of water go there every month via my US importing company JML." Mr Biscaldi organises the Italian market which takes a further 10,000 cases a month.

Among the company's American customers are hotels such as the Pierre, Paramount and Stanhope in New York, together with restaurants and delicatessens. Another



GLENN EDWARDS

Lotta bottle: Vera Dunley, marketing manager of Ty Nant Water, with more cases for export

key outlet is the Disney organisation which supplies Ty Nant spring water to guests staying at its four Florida hotels. This link arose from a close partnership between Disney and the Development Board for Rural Wales, the enterprise body created by the government to revive the mid-Wales economy.

The board maintains a Welsh pavilion at Disney's Epcot Centre, and in return Disney buys £100,000 worth of Welsh goods each year to sell to tourists visiting the pavilion. Ty Nant was originally sold by Disney only in the pavilion but it was so well received that it was decided to use it more widely.

The US now accounts for more than half Ty Nant exports. European sales are also doing well, with France and Germany following Italy's example, and growing interest being shown by Belgium, Switzerland, Malta and Cyprus. The water has two main attractions for consumers, according to Mr Guerrero. One is the purity and the other its unusual blue glass bottle container. Vera Dunley, Ty Nant's marketing director, said: "The bottles are intended to look attractive on the table, so that people are not ashamed of choosing water instead of wine with their meal." The bottles won a British Glass Federation design award.

BRIEFINGS

Bailiffs, who have enjoyed growth business during the recession, much of it at the expense of troubled small businesses, received a sharp Appeal Court warning last week against over-enthusiasm when seizing debtors' goods.

When they swooped on a Clacton company in respect of £7,385 rate arrears, bailiffs took three vehicles, a fork-lift truck, tools and a lathe valued by the company at a total of £46,340. However, a County Court judge and now three Appeal judges, have ruled that the bailiffs went too far. The Appeal Court dismissed an appeal by the bailiffs against a county court order that the seized goods could not be sold and should be returned. The county court finding was that there had been "excessive distraint" and the items seized were "tools of the trade" needed by the company to fulfill contracts on which it was already working.

☐ Choice, a unit based in Rainham, near Gillingham, Kent, providing training and job opportunities including self-employment for people with disabilities, opens this month for people aged 18 to the mid-fifties, although many are likely to be young. Those choosing to set up their own business will be helped to prepare a business plan and secure funding. Choice has been piloted locally for 18 months by Firmstart Medway.

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DANCE: A new *Don Quixote*; the Red Army on tour; and a weak ending to Béjart's London visit

Refit for a vintage star vehicle

The Royal Ballet's first *Don Quixote* for 40 years aims to give new dramatic life to a neglected classic. **Debra Craine** reports



ADRIAN BROOKS

Mark Thompson: There is nothing remotely twee about his approach. If you didn't know his designs were for *Don Quixote*, you would think they were for Lorca

You have a problem. You are a director in need of a new evening-length story ballet. The full-length classical canon is small (much smaller than in opera); you have already done the Tchaikovsky ballets to death and you are in danger of over-exposing the popular MacMillan legacy. But wait. Here is a neglected 19th-century Russian classic, one that has not been done at the Royal Opera House for more than 40 years. The only drawback: it's a corny comedy with a thin plot and an undistinguished score.

This was the dilemma facing Anthony Dowell when he decided to take *Don Quixote* into the Royal Ballet's repertoire. Created at the Bolshoi Theatre in 1869 by Marius Petipa (and revised for St Petersburg two years later), it was the choreographer's first big success. But *Don Quixote* is best known in the West for just one small part of it: the *grand pas de deux*, a flashy display of virtuosity and vivacity that has brought the house down at many a gala. The pas de deux has been in the Covent Garden repertoire, on and off, ever since 1948. Yet there hasn't been a full-length production since Ninette de Valois's version in 1950 (revived in 1951).

Dowell has long had his eye on *Don Quixote*, but only in recent years has he had a company strong enough to field six casts for it. As star vehicles go, it offers two of the best roles: the young lovers Kitri and Basilio, who are at the heart of the ballet even though in the Cervantes novel they feature in only one episode.

Dowell has bought in an existing production: Mikhail Baryshnikov's 1978 version for American Ballet Theatre (which Dowell performed with ABT at the time). But he has also set about trying to improve its chances at Covent Garden by modernising its appeal. "I didn't want to structurally change it because I picked it for its pace," he says. "But Misha had given me free range to do anything I wanted with it and I wanted to give it a slight nudge. The only way you can really do that is with the look — the designer plays a very big part in ballet now, as with the opera.

> 'Designers play a very big part in ballet now, as they do with opera'

"I didn't want the traditional Spanish archways, the bobble fringe design. I wanted something that might just make it look more for today's eyes."

Enter Mark Thompson, the Olivier Award-winning theatre designer known for his work on *Wind in the Willows*, *The Madness of George III* and *Six Degrees of Separation*. An unusual choice, perhaps, given that Thompson has never designed for the ballet before. But Dowell saw in his clean, stark lines a way around the potential pitfalls of staging a slightly silly ballet with an ice-skating score (courtesy of Ludwig Minkus) and Walt Disney settings.

"I'd seen a lot of Mark's work; I'd seen a model of his sets for *Viaggio* in the model room," Dowell explains, referring to Thompson's designs for last year's Royal Opera production of *Viaggio à Reims*. "I was very impressed with his clean lines. Also I saw how with simple sketches he could convey what a particular character was. He had the simplistic lines that I thought would suit dancers' bodies."

At first, Thompson was alarmed at the task of designing something so old-fashioned. "When Anthony asked me to do it the only reference he gave me was the video [of American Ballet Theatre]. In fact, I cannot watch the whole video through from beginning to end without falling asleep; I find it painfully embarrassing. I've never been a great fan of pantomime, or *commedia*, and I found the production so cluttered. You end up seeing so much junk around the place that you don't actually watch the dancers. I don't go to the ballet very much either, certainly not traditional ballet."

And they don't come much more traditional than *Don Quixote*. "That's what I found quite alarming and a bit of a challenge," the designer says. "That's why I took it on: I thought it doesn't have to look like that. *Sleeping Beauty* and the others, they all suffer from that crusty olde worlde approach which I was rather keen not to do.

"What I found interesting, working with Anthony and people in the ballet world, is that they don't challenge it at all. It's an unquestioning thing that we have to look like this because we have to look like this. Just to say we always wear white in the bride's scene at the end, and so does Basilio, I don't understand that because it starts looking like a young girl's ballet annual to me."

There is nothing remotely twee about Thompson's approach. If you didn't know his designs were for *Don Quixote*, you would think they were for Lorca. The sets offer a stark visual sweep in hot colours; stage props are few; decoration is at a minimum; costumes are authentic rather than fanciful. "If you go to Spain and you go to a tapas bar, they aren't pretty, they aren't fanciful. That's another notion of ballet, that people seem to think everything does have to be pretty and cute and decorative.

"Ballet is about looking at the dancers so what I've tried to do is create planes of colour or washes or blackness, or some sort of neutrality, so that we see these figures very clearly defined against them, rather than doing a village square with 99 windows, 99 doors and 101 entrances trying to create realism.

"I'm also urging Anthony in the staging that instead of having lots of people doing pantomime business, doing that sort of old-fashioned musical acting in the background, that actually we do have people in black leaning against the walls, the way they do in hot countries. So it's much sexier."

Does Thompson feel a responsibility to help audiences take *Don Quixote* seriously? "Yes I certainly do, because apart from anything else it's not just a one-acter which can be shelved if it's a failure. This is a big three-acter and a lot of money has been spent on it; and it will supposedly last in the repertoire for donkey's years."

● *Don Quixote opens at the Royal Opera House (071-240 1066) tomorrow*

Military manoeuvres end in victory



The Red Army of Russia Ensemble in action: popular art at its best, invigorating, uplifting, and wonderfully performed

The Red Army of Russia Ensemble
Festival Hall

Well, if this is what the Red Army can do, let them teach our own boys a thing or two. Trooping the Colour, for example, would be immeasurably improved by exuberant folk dancers, soaring voices and the nostalgic sound of a few accordions.

The Red Army of Russia Ensemble, however, does not represent your average Russian private. Founded in 1937 to entertain troops and build national morale, it consists of professional performers turned amateur soldiers, instead of the other way round. They have travelled the world, and become as famous as the Bolshoi Ballet.

This is popular art at its best, invigorating, uplifting, and wonderfully performed. Comic turns follow songs about military comradeship; traditional dances appear alongside more modern choreography evoking soldiers on parade.

Everything you have come to expect is there. *Black Eyes* gets its obligatory airing, as does *Kalinka* — the latter sung by the tenor Lev Kuznetsov, soloist of the Bolshoi Theatre, a biographical detail I hesitate to repeat from the wildly inaccurate souvenir programme. Natalya Bannova possesses the vital, girlish voice of Russian female folk singers. The baritone, Boris Nikolaev, performs *Legend Of Twelve Robbers* with gripping dramatic colour: the stage lights are dimmed and the men behind him hold candles.

Most impressive is the variety that emerges from the material. The all-male chorus brings its emphatic nuances of tone and volume, voices swelling from the quietest hush to a heart-stopping crescendo. The dancers find an inexhaustible number of permutations in their gymnastic tricks: each piece has its own distinctive range of knotty squats and falls, flying splits and whirls. A Ukrainian dance ends with a figure crouched into the floor, miraculously spinning round like a tortoise on ice.

A *Russian Souvenir Dance* features stamping movement in a blaze of colour. A Cossack dance allows the men to swirl sabres, sparks flying as the blades connect. But *Kadril* proves altogether more sedate, enlisting as it does a few good sports from the audience.

The inclusion, as a friendly gesture, of Western pop songs only points up, I'm afraid, the rich musicality of Russia's heritage. In touring Britain for five weeks, the company is apparently saying its farewell. It has no money. How very sad.

NADINE MEISNER

Chaplin's tale loses much of its sting

Crucifixion
Sadler's Wells

The last of the five ballets brought to London by Maurice Béjart, *Crucifixion* continued the cinema-related theme of his short season only in being based on an anecdote in Charles Chaplin's autobiography. More to the point is Béjart's recurring choice of subjects relating to Jesus Christ.

There were Biblical episodes among the Pasolini references in *Opera* earlier last week, and *Crucifixion* concerns what the title says. Since making these, Béjart has also just staged *Verklärte Nacht* in Berlin, using Schoenberg's theme of a woman expecting a baby, not her husband's, and calling them Mary and Joseph.

Offensive as these ideas may be to some, I find them less so (because more relevant) than the comparable illusions in MacMillan's *The Judas Tree*. In fact, *Crucifixion* raises the idea of blasphemy simply to show our own hypocrisy. The context proposed by Chaplin was of a passion play acted on the dance floor of a nightclub. The only spectator to be shocked is drunk and gets thrown out for his protests.

The ballet ought to be more shocking than it is; especially as we spectators find ourselves in a position hardly different from the nightclubbers who let a man enact Christ's suffering for their entertainment. Yet it lacks the impact of Béjart's *Miraculous Mandarin*, which restored to Bartók's score the horror it lacks in rival versions. The fault lies partly in choreography that needs more bite, but mostly in the mistake of letting Annie Chaplin once more indulge her meagre histrionic abilities as the more verbose of two commentators.

Her presence works against the distancing effect of four short jazzy pieces by Stravinsky, and turns the potential drama into sententious indulgence. Only the strong stage presence of Béjart's dancers, notably Gil Roman dragging his cross around, holds the attention. Emmanuelle Bérard, Christine Blanc, Kathryn Bradney, Martyn Fleming, Guichi Kobayashi, Koen Onzia and their colleagues are marvellous performers who allow their director to take brave theatrical and choreographic risks which come off surprisingly often. We could do with seeing them and Béjart in London more frequently.

JOHN PERCIVAL

THE vogue for using blues and soul music as the soundtrack for television commercials has turned John Lee Hooker into an icon of the 1990s and benefited artists from Muddy Waters to Michael Jackson. But not everyone is pleased to be honoured in this way. Tom Waits was so incensed to discover that a version of his song "Heartattack and Vine", as performed by Screamin' Jay Hawkins, is being used in a British-generated commercial for Levi's jeans, that he is suing his publisher Third Story Music for breach of contract for allowing the song to be used for commercial purposes. Waits recently won a $2.5 million court judgment over the American company Frito-Lay and its advertising agency after they used an impersonator to mimic his voice in a radio commercial.

However, Screamin' Jay Hawkins, who recorded the song two years ago for inclusion on his album, *Black Music For White People*, isn't complaining. "Heartattack and Vine" entered the Gallup chart last week at No 42, his highest-ever ranking.

● WHERE can you find the Cambridge Theatre Company? Wrong. Last week, the company decided to leave Cambridge, after 24 years, and locate permanently in London. It also cancelled its May performances at the Corn Exchange in Cambridge. All this was brought about by Cambridge City Council's decision to cut the company's funding from £42,000 to £5,000. "We leave Cambridge with a heavy heart," said Stephen Remington, chairman of the company's board.

Contracts, breeches and suits

ARTS BRIEFING

Elizabeth Frink, Michael Sandle, Glynn Williams and William Pye, who will create a water sculpture.

● NEW YORK is gearing itself to celebrate the centenary of Broadway. Which is slightly surprising news, since New York had theatres in the Broadway area as early as the 1820s, and the Broadway Theatre itself dates from 1847. However, the Big Apple's big cheeses, led by the mayor, David Dinkins, have decided that the opening of the American Theater on May 22, 1893 — the first "legit" theatre, in what is now Times Square — constitutes a reasonable excuse for a year long "centennial" splash. Free concerts, historical exhibitions and television specials are planned, and the "Celebrate Broadway" concept will be promoted in cities across America. The centenary will also be the theme of this year's Tony awards.

Last chance . . .

ONE of the most distinguished Russian artists to head west in the last few years, Sergei Chepik, seemed for a while to have forgotten Russia in his delight to be settled comfortable in Paris. His show at the Roy Miles Gallery (071-495 4747, until tomorrow) is his first in two years, and suggests a new balance between evocation of Quasimodo's Paris, a mad Gothic confection of gargoyles and grotesques, and the Russia of Petrushka and the Ship of Fools.



You can lead a horse to water: John Mills's *Chinese Dynamic* will be one of the exhibits at Chelsea Harbour Sculpture '93

Water works

ONE of the largest outdoor sculpture exhibitions ever held in Britain will take place in Chelsea Harbour, by the Thames in London, this summer. The Royal Society of British Sculptors has invited 60 leading artists from around the world to exhibit new works; many of them will be on a large scale. "Open-minded and unprescriptive" is how the organisers describe their selection. Sponsorship by P&O (which developed the Chelsea Harbour site) will include the cost of transporting the sculptures across the world.

The show, from June 14 to September 18, will be free to the public; the Queen will visit it in June. Among those exhibiting are

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

FIDELIO: Adolf Dresen's production, not greatly admired when it was first seen at Covent Garden in 1990, returns in a restaged version by Patrick Young. A strong cast includes Josephine Barstow as Leonore, Kurt Rydl as Rocco and Willard White as Pizarro. Jeffrey Tate conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL: A demanding wastrel son wreaks havoc on his family in St John Hankin's satirical 1905 comedy of manners.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Opens tonight, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. (No perfs Apr 9-12)

L.O.V.E.: Energetic, highly physical performance from Volcano Theatre Company in their latest work inspired by Shakespeare's sonnets. Directed by DV8's Nigel Charnock (see feature, page 33)
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Tonight to April 17, eves 7.45pm. (No perfs Good Friday and Easter Monday).

MRS CEAUSESCU'S ORGANISATION OF LOVE: From Plain Clothes Productions: Phil Smith's play of love, delusions and the Romanian nightmare
BAC Studio, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 8.30pm; opens Thurs, 8.30pm. (No perfs Easter Sunday and Monday.)

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA: The Talawa and Contact theatre companies present *Dr Endesha Ida Mae Holland's* inspiring civil rights story of a woman who refused to be beaten. With Josette Bushell-Mingo.
Cochrane, Southampton Row, WC1 (071-242 7040). Opens tonight, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Apr 17, 22, 29, 2.30pm.

SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: The SCO gives the final concert in the South Bank series under its newly appointed chief guest conductor Sir Charles Mackerras. The programme comprises Handel's Concerto for two horns, Nos 2 and 3; Mozart's Concertone in C for two violins and orchestra; and Bartók's Music for strings, percussion and celesta.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

REGIONAL

BRADFORD: A sound of explosions and a flash of police lights opens Alan Bleasdale's new play **On the Ledge**, a comic and chaotic study of the decay of his home town of Liverpool. Following its premiere in Nottingham, Robin Lefevre's ebulliently acted production (with Mark McGann and David Ross) tours the regions before reaching the National in late April.
Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street (0274 752000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LIVERPOOL: American Robert Cohan, founder artistic director of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, has successfully fused modern and classical styles in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, his new, full-length ballet for Scottish Ballet. Mendelssohn's score is supplemented with music by Barrington Pheloung, creator of the *Inspector Morse* theme music.
Empire, Lime Street (051-709 1555). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

SWANSEA: **Welsh National Opera** gives performances of Göran Järvefelt's gripping production of *Un ballo in maschera* (tomorrow); its new production of Donizetti's grand romantic opera *La Favorita* (Thurs); and the perennial favourite *La Bohème* (tonight, Sat).
Grand Theatre, Singleton Street, Swansea (0792 475715), eves, 7.15pm.

OXFORD: The **Russian All Stars'** staging of the Tchaikovsky ballet *The Sleeping Beauty*, on ice, is intended to be popular entertainment. Although lacking in sensitivity — a lot of the small detail is missing from the choreography and the recorded account of the music is blasted across the stage — the skill and bravura of the performances keep the audience applauding.
Apollo Theatre, George Street (0865 244544) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

DUNDEE: The acclaimed National Theatre/Théâtre de Complicité production of Bruno Schulz's surreal and haunting **The Street of Crocodiles** goes on a nationwide tour.
Dundee Rep, Tay Square (0382 23530). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his tale.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins

□ **THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE**: Energetic update of Marivaux's role-swapping comedy mistakenly played for farce.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. 140mins

□ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. 115mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **MISERY**: Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **MURDER IS EASY**: But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

□ **NO MAN'S LAND**: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

◪ **PLAYLAND**: Athol Fugard's two-hander: white man and black man, loitering outside a fairground, haul up their past and hint at the future. Builds to an eloquent climax.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: John Wells, William Gaunt, Richard Kane and Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

◪ **UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS AND THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE**: Sex, selfishness and serial murder: scorching production of Canadian Brad Fraser's passionate debut play
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins. Final week.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **Hay Fever**: Albery (071-867 1115) ... □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information from SWET.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **JUNGLE BOOK** (U). Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties, witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up of jungle characters inspired by Kipling.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MR NANNY (PG). Hulk Hogan acts as nanny to a brilliant inventor's problem kids. Overly violent vehicle for the wrestling giant. Director, Michael Gottlieb.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD (18): Unnecessary remake of George Romero's shoestring classic of 1968. Tom Savini directs Tony Todd and Patricia Tallman.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

THE SILENT TOUCH (15). Music student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **SPLITTING HEIRS** (12): Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from American usurper Rick Moranis. Lamentable British comedy; with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zeta Jones. Director, Robert Young
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

CURRENT

CRUSH (15): Impressive, jolting New Zealand fable about sexual power games; a first feature from Alison Maclean. With Marcia Gay Harden, Donogh Rees, Caitlin Bossley.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **THE CRYING GAME** (18): IRA gunman becomes obsessed with a hostage's girlfriend. Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that falters at the close. Stars Stephen Rea, Forest Whitaker, Jaye Davidson, Miranda Richardson.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG). Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

◆ **HOFFA** (15): A star turn by Jack Nicholson as a labour leader with mob connections, but a dull David Mamet script. Director, Danny DeVito.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **MALCOLM X** (15): Spike Lee's ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly issues get sidestepped, and there is little cinematic fire.
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◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a few spots of magic. With Chris O'Donnell; director, Martin Brest.
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FRINGE THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** gets bogged down in the countryside

Sisters astray, and in Arcady

New Morning
Bush

LAST year, the Rough Magic theatre company brought Declan Hughes's *Digging for Fire* from Dublin to the Bush. The play was, as I recall, an all-Irish version of the movie *The Big Chill*. The characters, who were old chums from university, spent a long, rancorous night drinking vast quantities of whiskey, weaving about the stage, and simultaneously discussing and embodying their nation's woes. The party seemed about as bad as a party could be; but, after seeing Hughes's latest study of emotional turbulence in the emerald isle, I realise it could have been worse. At least an Elvis lookalike did not materialise in the cold dawn light and urge those hungover revellers to cut each other's throats.

That is what happens in the middle of Rough Magic's production of *New Morning*: not altogether to the play's artistic gain. Until then Hughes had appeared to be writing another sardonic comedy about estranged people trying to rebuild their relationships, on this occasion two sisters taking an awkward camping trip together. Anne Byrne's Deborah, a sort of New Age feminist, wants to "sit and think and be", discovering "the spirituality of nature" in the process. Gina Moxley's Mary stumbles from the tent dressed for a smart Dublin cocktail party, and proceeds to talk like Wilde's Gwendolen when she is confronted with too much country. Remember how the latter, told by Cecily she calls a spade a spade, replies, "I am glad to say I have never seen a spade"? Mary's version is blunter: "I've never set foot in a field before in my whole bloody life".

This is a crisp enough treatment of sibling strife, and, with Deborah displaying the wrestling skills she has learnt from her women's group, an entertaining one too. But gradually it becomes clear that the women have raised their tent on a site of more than ecological significance. Nearby, their father had a motor accident, which left their mother drowned. After that he dedicated himself to his Presley records and, to a lesser extent, to Deborah. His relationship with Mary became what her earnest little sister calls "dysfunctional".

Dysfunctional is understating it, judging by what happens next. A courtly American with long sideburns invades Mary's sleeping dreams, and then her waking ones. Each time Stuart Graham's "stranger", as the programme calls him, behaves in a pretty Satanic way, either enrolling one sister as an attendant demon or tempting the other to kill her. The twin troubles, it seems, are Mary's sense of rejection and the guilt she feels for her mother's death; and this is, I suppose, a bold and imaginative way of dramatising them. It is also such an eccentric one that the audience audibly flounders, not knowing when to laugh, what to take seriously, or, for that matter, how much to believe.

Perhaps it is not only the spectators who are out of their depth. Hughes, too, seems to be splashing about in a pretty uncertain way. Myself, I can more easily accept him as a satiric observer of modern mores than as an expert on psychopathology. Should a distant descendant of Jonathan Swift really be practising in Harley Street? Somehow, I doubt it.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Town and country: Deborah (Anne Byrne, top), Mary (Gina Moxley)

Taking it all too easy

The Nine Night
Shaw

UNFORTUNATELY the Montserrat-born writer Edgar White deploys humour, affection, tolerance, balance and humanity in his observation of the meeting between black Caribbean and white British cultures. Unfortunate, because while such gifts make for civilised discussion or enlightened argument, they set traps for theatre directors and their casts.

This is illustrated by the Umoja Theatre Company's visit to the home of the Jamaican Williams family, made up respectively of first and second generation North Sea offshore islanders. The jigsaw pieces of different cultures that can contribute to assimilation, adoption or perpetual chafing are jumbled into a rambling, good natured — and fatally undramatic — sitcom.

Much of the responsibility lies with Gloria Hamilton's direction and Jason Rose's playing of the paterfamilias, Hamon Williams, a lovable, curmudgeonly cracker-barrel philosopher, a mixture of comic exasperation and folksy old saws. The fault in such an approach becomes clear when his son's white fiancée attempts to bridge the gulf between her and her prospective father-in-law, and despite Janet Greaves's sensitive acting the scene lapses into a turn for chief comic and his feed. The edge has been fatally blunted.

After 30 years Hamon's wife has a job and friends in England. His daughter works in a bank and is in love with a white man. Of his two sons, one is an unemployed and possibly unemployable rebel, the other an aspiring footballer. All, to varying degrees, have roots on this side of the Atlantic.

The play's first half establishes the family, and the old family friend who comes round for rum and dominoes, in short scenes that might be ideal for film with its quick cuts and fade-outs but which diffuse any sense of urgency or tension in the theatre. By the time a real plot emerges, with Hamon's sudden desire to return to Jamaica, the damage is done, and serious issues are doomed.

The mainly Caribbean audience chuckled enthusiastically throughout on the press night, though there were signs that Rose's Hamon could have risen to a weightier performance if given the challenge of a less responsive crowd. For the Anglo-Saxon, added hazards lay in a lilting accent that was sometimes unintelligible and line speaking that was sometimes inaudible. Angela Wynter, as Hamon's long-suffering wife, was considerably more convincing than her stiffly self-conscious offspring; but the house enjoyed it all hugely.

MARTIN HOYLE

A family that flips together, grips together

The House of Yes
Gate, Notting Hill

WENDY MACLEOD subtitles her unnerving comedy "A Suburban Jacobean Play", and in the destructive love between her incestuous twins there is an echo of *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*, with the difference that it is the sister who is the dominant character, albeit seriously deranged.

The scene is not Renaissance Italy but suburban Washington, about 20 years after the death of President Kennedy. On the night of the assassination the father of the twins disappeared, and his third child, Anthony, is now 23. Oafish but intense, and maybe only pretending to be oafish (neatly hinted by Matt Bardock), Anthony watches his sister, Jackie O, stick tape across the windows against the approaching hurricane. Her brother Marty is also approaching, bringing the decent-hearted Lesly from New York, and though Jackie O's wit is feverish and bottles of coloured pills stand like guards of honour along every shelf, we do not feel confident that danger is in the offing until Marty, introducing Lesly, says: "We are engaged." There is a pause, then Jackie O shrieks and rushes off to vomit.

Lucy Hall's set, on which bedroom, lounge and various offices occupy the same floor space, is furnished in white satin, and it is soon apparent that we are within a whited sepulchre where one body already lies interred and another must surely follow unless the incestuous chain is broken. MacLeod's dialogue in *Apocalyptic Butterflies*, produced at Greenwich a year or two ago, was cute and dreadful, but here it glows with a devilish brightness emanating from the paradoxes and weird incongruities. Mary Ellen Ray, oddly low key as the mother who has always said Yes to her children, departs from the kitchen with the words: "I'm just going to baste the turkey and hide the sharp objects."

The incestuous chain takes the sick form of a passion for the Kennedys, hence the sister's adopted name, though strictly speaking it should be Jackie K. She even has the pink suit with red blobs for blood and brains appliquéd on the left side, just as in the famous photos; and the last moment in the Kennedy marriage is the scene that she and Marty have compulsively re-enacted for years. I never grasped why this should be, but watching their grim smiles as they go through the moment yet again exerts the terrible fascination of truly appalling taste.

Jason Watkins plays Marty like a dapper rabbit, developing strength of will but not swiftly enough to withstand the weasel-like power of Deirdre Harrison's Jackie. Smugly confident, she looks more like a pouter pigeon, but the glitter in her eyes is cruel. Dena Davis gives strength and urgency to the role of dismayed normality, and Ian Rickson's production, ingeniously using the multiple set, paces and balances the wit and horror so that by the end one dreads *and* longs to reach the inevitable climax.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Fairly normal? Dena Davis (Lesly) and Matt Bardock (Anthony)

JEREMY KINGSTON

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THEATRE: **Ellen Cranitch** on the latest, radical attempt to stage Shakespeare's sonnets

Hard lines for the poor adapter

Shakespeare's sonnets are generally held to be the finest love poems in the English language. Published in 1609 but written much earlier for private circulation, some are addressed to a young man, others to a woman: the so-called "Dark Lady". The poems effortlessly transcend this historical and personal context and explore themes of enduring significance: the power of love to conquer time, the transience of physical beauty, the humiliation of being sexually and emotionally enslaved, and the immortality of art.

Though sonnet-writing was supremely fashionable in the 16th century, relatively few poems have stood the test of time. Shakespeare's sonnets have survived because he made constant creative use of the form; he extended its possibilities, ironically subverted its conventions and informed the verse with the directness of the speaking voice.

Attempts have been made to stage the sonnets in the past. The most recent, in 1991, was Shared Experience's *Sweet Sessions*, in which a contemporary writer enters the 16th-century world of the sonnets and becomes embroiled in the relationships between the three characters whom she meets there. A decade earlier, Simon Callow offered a revised sequence at the National Theatre. But neither reached to the heart of what is inherently dramatic in the poems. The peculiar drama of the sonnets derives from unbridled, sometimes unbearable, passion being tautly constrained within a rigorously poetic form.

Director Nigel Charnock, co-founder of the avant-garde dance-theatre group DV8, is the latest would-be adapter of the sonnets for the stage. In attempting to bring to life the intense emotion of the poems, Charnock has unapologetically jettisoned much of the sonnet form and created one of the most radical and risky versions to date.

"What I like about the sonnets is that they are like 12-inch dance music singles: short and easy to get to know. But the problem with them is, for all the breadth and intensity of emotion explored, nothing actually happens. We needed to create a narrative, so I spent many nights with the sonnets spread out on my bedroom floor, scrubbing out lines and adding different ones together, making Shakespeare say what I wanted him to say."

His show, curiously entitled *L.O.V.E.*, is performed by Volcano Theatre Company, a Swansea-based group who have a reputation for intellectually provocative and physically arresting stage work.



Bodies lock in white-hot embrace: Fern Potter and Liam Steel of Volcano Theatre Company in *L.O.V.E.*, Nigel Charnock's stage adaptation of Shakespeare's sonnets

Like most readers, Charnock had an acutely personal response to the sequence. The focus of it was the Young Man. "Most of my work is fuelled by anger. In the world of dance which I entered after I'd completed training as an actor, I grew to hate the cult of beautiful people with beautiful bodies. The young man of the sonnets fascinates me. He has ignited the love that is tearing the writer apart. Our show explores the moral responsibility of such beauty. The thrust of the piece is: use it well, don't be childish or manipulative with it, otherwise there will be retribution."

Volcano's show seeks to capture the dramatic essence of the poems in a contemporary *ménage à trois*. Paul Davies plays the poet in charcoal pullover and loose beige trousers; Liam Steel the young man in sharp leather jacket; and Fern Smith the Dark Lady in a trailing fur coat which she savages almost as much as her own dark hair.

In rehearsal Charnock urged his actors to forget the texts and simply "improvise around the subjects of jealousy, infidelity, lust and obsession for a few weeks". Out of this emerged three exhausted actors and one loose narrative.

Charnock dismisses debates that traditionally polarise academics: whether the Dark Lady had a relationship with the poet before the sequence opens, and whether the relationship between the two men was a sexual one. Charnock decided yes on both counts. "It would be very dry dramatically if you believed the men didn't have a homosexual relationship; then you'd have to keep them apart on stage. I wanted them jumping about in bed together."

Charnock's background in physical theatre served him well. The characters claw at each other, kiss, lick, smell and make love to one another. Bodies clash in violent collision or lock in white-hot embrace. As the tensions of the triangular relationship escalate, the Dark Lady produces a knife and plays games with the semi-naked bodies of the men.

> 'Shakespeare's is not the only voice. He is joined by Shirley Bassey'

Shakespeare's sonnets are remarkable for the wealth of different meanings contained within each poem's 14 short lines. Charnock makes a fine dramatic exploitation of these ambiguities in his eloquent use of Sonnet 147, "My love is as a fever, longing still . . .", spoken in frenzied desperation at the beginning of the piece and then reiterated with a terrible lack of passion at the end when the warring turmoil of the relationships is over.

But though some 30-odd sonnets feature intact in *L.O.V.E.*, others have been sweepingly truncated, lines are repeated or isolated, couplets separated or given a new context. In the last 20 minutes of the piece the trio argue with one another using odd lines from right across the sequence.

Moreover, Shakespeare's is not the only voice. He is joined by Shirley Bassey. As the three actors play out the passion and the poison of unrequited love, bursts of pertinent Bassey-sung lyrics (from George Harrison's "Something"): "Something in the way he moves" and (from "Never, Never, Never"): "impossible to live with you but I know I could never live without you" amplify their heart-searching.

L.O.V.E. has visited some universities. Does it find favour with the academics? "The show tends to divide its audience," says Charnock. "Some people hate it. But in Northampton, one professor, an expert on the sonnets, said the production made the poems come vibrantly alive for him. He found that breaking the closed sonnet form shook out new meanings."

Not every Shakespeare scholar would agree, but it is possible that Shakespeare himself, a great innovator and stage practitioner, will be craning forward from, rather than turning in, his grave, to see the results tonight.

● *L.O.V.E. at Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354) from tonight to April 17 (not Friday or Monday) at 7.45pm*

ROCK

Drifting together

Spiritualized
Hackney Empire

AFTER a few seasons of blissful flirtation at outdoor rock festivals, some sort of harmonic convergence seems to be occurring between the "ambient" tendencies of dance music and indie rock. Strictly speaking, harmonic did not seem quite the right word after three hours of guitar feedback and distorted keyboards, but if ever a concert symbolised a new accord, this was the one.

There was incense, there were scented candles, and smoke (of all kinds) in abundance. Also setting the mood was the "ambient" DJ team of Mixmaster Morris and the Aphex Twin, bathing a disappointingly drab, beer-sodden audience in great washes of synthesizer drones.

The drone was a key musical device of the evening. When support band Levitation calmed themselves, allowing guitar and keyboard drones to linger and blur the edges of their melodies, then they began to live up to their name. "Bedlam", their most effective song, built to an impressive climax. At most other points, they confirmed the problems of their debut album by sounding like Metallica playing New Age music.

In contrast, Spiritualized seemed to know exactly what they were doing. Play the third Velvet Underground album at a slow speed, add a brass section and a psychedelic light show, and you might create a parodic impression of this inspiring band. There were eight musicians. Nobody spoke to the audience or moved, except to pick up or put down an instrument. Only the lights changed, and the sound, swelling in great clouds of amorphous noise.

Some songs, such as "Shine A Light", were familiar from the band's wonderful *Laser Guided Melodies*, though all references to conventional pop music were tangential, if not irrelevant. The brass section yelped like an early music ensemble, Kate Radley's keyboard drones nagged and grated, voices hissed and blurred in a disorientating fog.

Though traces of country and gospel were discernible within this mist, Jason Pierce, vocalist, composer and mastermind, sang without apparent emotion. Spiritualized might have been performing in a cataleptic trance, but the music rose to heights of sheer ecstasy.

DAVID TOOP

Roots in danger from pruning

Fred Jarvis reports on the threat to free instrumental tuition in state schools

Britain has justifiably always taken pride in the quality of music-making by our young people. Yet magnificent achievements in this field are now so seriously threatened that MPs have tabled an early day motion calling for action. Even Conservative MPs who otherwise support the government's Education Bill expressed concern in debate.

Similar concern was expressed by a number of peers last month when the House of Lords debated the bill for the first time. Baroness Warnock said it would be wicked to throw away the long-term organisation of music by local education authorities, and the resources they had provided, which had resulted in a great musical renaissance.

How good are our young musicians? So good that the European Community Youth Orchestra has had to ration the number of places allocated to this country. No country has festivals of youth music remotely comparable to our superb Schools' Prom, staged annually at the Royal Albert Hall, or the Festival of Music for Youth held each summer at the South Bank.

But just as impressive is the immense variety of music on display: from full orchestras to tiny recorder groups, from brass bands to steel bands, chamber ensembles, trios and quintets; swing orchestras, jazz bands and rock groups; percussionists and xylophonists; all manner of choirs and singing groups; and infant and junior school ensembles with dance and drama performances.

The vast majority of the youngsters who take part do so for the sheer fun of music-making. They are not the products of highly selective, specialist centres, but of ordinary primary and secondary schools, colleges and groups who come together in their leisure time. Overwhelmingly they have benefited from free music tuition at school, from the use of instruments provided by education authorities, and the willingness of the authorities to organise youth orchestras. The significance of those benefits, which are now threatened in some areas, can be seen from the fact that some 70 per cent of the musicians in this country's orchestras received free instrumental tuition at school. More important still, given today's concern about the behaviour of the young, through music-making young people learn the discipline of working together.



FRED JARVIS

United in the joy of music: Northamptonshire County Youth Orchestra at the Schools' Prom

One would have thought that on those grounds alone, the government would strongly support such activity. Instead, there is now a likelihood, partly as a result of the government's own policies, that much of this stimulating and culturally enriching activity will be brought to a halt.

The threat comes from two sources. First, from the pressure on local authority budgets and the operation of local management of schools. Most local authorities are having to make cuts in their budgets and many have been forced to cut their music services. Already, in some areas, free instrumental tuition is being discontinued; in more, music advisers are being made redundant.

Take the Conservative-controlled borough of Barnet, for example. One of its big successes has been its Saturday morning music centres. When they were started in 1974 there was one centre with 30 pupils from across the borough attending. Today there are three centres with more than 1,300 youngsters. Maxwell Pryce, the music inspector who started the venture, was made redundant by Barnet. The borough's only music advisory teacher has been made redundant too.

Music in Labour-controlled South Glamorgan has suffered a similar blow. The LEA has reduced its music service budget by £500,000, resulting in the loss of individual ensemble tuition for up to 2,000 pupils. Its musical adviser, Dewi Jones, has just resigned, unable to face the hazardous future for the music service.

A recent survey by the United Kingdom Council for Music Education revealed that only one in three local authorities would have a centrally-funded service to provide instrument tuition next year, compared with 9 out of 10 five years ago. Nearly a third of the authorities replying did not know what would happen to their music service next year.

As Larry Westland, director of Music for Youth, the organisers of the Schools' Proms and the festivals, puts it: "Increasingly, instrumental tuition will become restricted to an already privileged section of our society.

"Music education cannot be switched on and off at will. Once off, the structure and the teachers who nourish it are lost."

That view was echoed by MPs in the last Commons debate on the Education Bill. A Conservative MP, Patrick Cormack, said he did not want the minister to "go on record as one of those who assisted, however unwittingly, in the demise of a service of great excellence and high repute".

● *Fred Jarvis is former general secretary of the National Union of Teachers*

CONCERTS: Scotland's premier orchestra and a Polish visitor

If they can hear, they will listen

At the door, "Support the BBC SSO" stickers were being handed out, together with a leaflet asking for a "standing ovation" at the end of the concert. We duly got to our feet — after Sir Alexander Gibson's interpretation of Sibelius's Fifth Symphony we might have done, anyway — and a banner was unfurled to communicate the same message as the stickers now being worn by most members of the orchestra. It is a worthy campaign but, if BBC Scotland and Scottish Opera are determined to merge their orchestras, it is doomed to failure without a very much more passionate and spontaneous expression of public disapproval of the National Orchestra of Scotland scheme.

The fact is, as the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's concert in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall demonstrated once again, broadcasting orchestras rarely command a large and committed public following. It is true that an orchestra condemned to making a living in the marketplace is unlikely to play works like the Judith Weir piece in this programme and certainly, since the Royal Scottish National Orchestra no longer has an interest in the contemporary repertoire, it is an important factor. But it is not, by definition, a matter for popular concern. What was needed on this occasion was a decisive impression on the audience, an impact of orchestral personality untrammelled by the somewhat baffling acoustic of the whole.

As it was, listening to Sibelius's *Karelia* overture, one felt one wanted to reach into the texture and pull the strands apart, to clarify their colours, and adjust the balance by bringing some of them nearer: experience has shown that the nearer the strings are to the front of this particular platform the more direct their sound. Judith Weir's scoring in *Music Untangled* is not lacking in brilliance and, as long as the trumpets have the stamina to cope with their excessively demanding role, it gets through. But the deep-laid melodic unfolding, the motivation of the piece as distinct from its function, remained obscure.

A question: If Tabea Zimmermann, the accomplished and persuasive soloist in Walton's Viola Concerto, can make such a sensational sound in a movement from Hindemith's Solo Sonata as she did in her encore, standing at the front of the platform, why cannot the orchestra strings multiply it to infinity?

GERALD LARNER

Sunday best thrice over

The Polish pianist Krystian Zimerman played just three works in his Barbican Hall recital on Sunday afternoon, and so masterly was his execution of all three that one was left wondering which to admire most. Was it his hazy evocation of Debussy's atmospheric *Estampes*? Or the subtle blend of poetry and brilliance in Chopin's Sonata No 3 in B minor? Or perhaps the rapt introspection of Schubert's last great Sonata in B flat, D960?

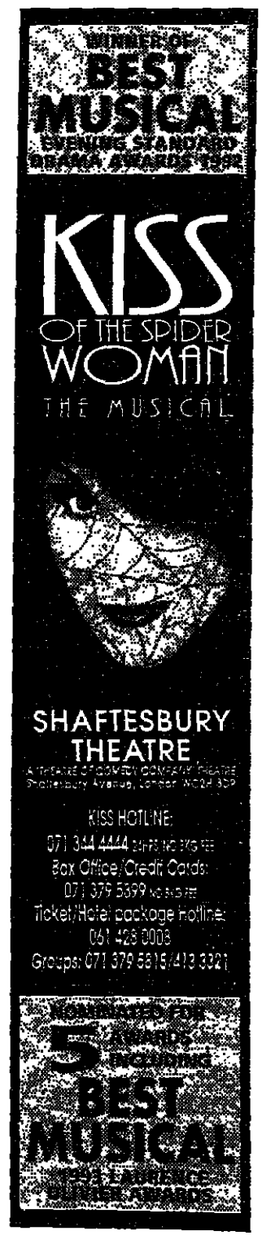
I found myself transported by each in turn, and impressed by the range of tone colour that Zimerman could draw on as he moved from one to another. Something of the dreamy suggestiveness of the Debussy was carried over, to great effect, into the Chopin Sonata, where decorative runs and other figures were cast impressionistically into shadow in order to give prominence to detail elsewhere in the texture.

Zimerman's ability to produce a beautiful singing line was evident in the lyrical passages of the first movement and the Largo, and marred only by the unsympathetic acoustic — or perhaps an ill-tuned instrument. The contrasting light, but crystalline, touch of the Scherzo provided the perfect basis for a dazzlingly witty exercise in rhythmic displacement; listening to across-the-bar phrasing maintained with such poise is like watching a virtuoso juggler. The Presto finale was sheer joy: boundless energy allied to flawlessly even, sparkling passage-work.

The main thematic idea of the Schubert Sonata is absurdly simple in both melody and harmony. Yet how moving it can be in the hands of an artist like Zimerman. In those bars he hinted at a world of experience — of calm resignation coloured by past joys and present sadness — well beyond his years. And that was even before the sublime key change that immediately follows. Thereafter, Zimerman took us on a magical mystery tour of Schubertian modulations and thematic evolution: relishing each twist and turn as though it were a new discovery.

In the Andante sostenuto it was once again the combination of profoundly felt experience with unaffected simplicity that lifted the performance, and the recital as a whole, into the realm of the world-class.

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Compensation cases can appease the public while wasting its money, **David McIntosh** argues



When the only winners are the lawyers

Millions of hours of court time and millions of pounds in legal costs have been wasted in recent years as a result of the increasingly aggressive stance taken by some plaintiff lawyers on behalf of clients pursuing compensation claims.

The problem has come to the fore over group claims brought mainly against pharmaceutical companies. Thousands of claimants and the Legal Aid Board have been encouraged to belive that they have cases worth financing in which they can expect to receive compensation for injuries or side effects caused by drugs that were actually prescribed as good for them by their own medical advisers.

These claims are considerably more evidentially demanding than single incident group claims such as the Piper Alpha rig loss, the Zeebrugge ferry sinking, or the Bradford and Hillsborough football ground tragedies where, once the generic negligence causing the disaster is established against one or more defendants, proving the ensuing deaths or injuries were a direct result is comparatively straightforward.

In drug-related litigation the generic issue involves establishing whether the drug in question was properly manufactured and efficacious for its intended treatment, and whether its known side effects have been properly warned against. Even if claimants are able to establish negligence on the part of the defendants in one or more of these respects, there may still be considerable difficulties facing individual claimants in establishing that such negligence specifically caused their injury.

The burden of proof, which lies upon each and every claimant, requires each claim to be examined as to its particular facts: the nature of the underying medical condition being treated; the extent of concomitant illness and medication; the dosage prescribed; the nature of the injuries or symptoms complained about; and so on. There are no short cuts.

Logic suggests there is no point in pursuing an expensive inquiry to prove a generic case without first ensuring that if it were to succeed there would be enough individual claims capable of benefiting from a general finding of negligence — in other words that, on their particular facts, claimants would win sufficient compensation to make the entire group litigation worthwhile.

And common sense dictates that no individual should become involved in litigation of this type unless he or she can, at the very least, adduce evidence that the drug in question was prescribed and caused the injuries or side effects complained of.

But logic and common sense have not been as visible as they ought to have been. Some of those representing claimants appear to have joined in group litigation on a "Me too" basis without rigorous scrutiny of their clients' medical histories. As a result, far too many claims have been launched, only to be withdrawn as soon as they have been superficially probed by the court or defendants.

Why are such claims launched? The vast majority of these transient claimants would not have ventured their own money on what has proved to have been speculative and unprofitable litigation without confident legal advice as to the outcome, in terms of both liability and compensation of sufficient value to make the legal process, and its expense, worthwhile.

What has happened is that some of the claimants' solicitors and barristers have put the generic cart before the specific horse. They say that it is too expensive to investigate each and every case and so instead the generic issues should be tried and, if won, then applied as appropriate to each of the individual claims. No need, they say, to examine the individual merits and worth of each claim in advance. These are not the yardsticks applied day in and day out to single plaintiff litigation where there are few, if any, freely available legal aid rides.

But the difference with group actions is that they are substantially lawyer driven. Relaxation of professional constraints on solicitors advertising in response to the Office of Fair Trading's concern to ensure a competitive legal marketplace has created a climate within which some solicitors publicly over-hype the prospects of success.

Not surprisingly this has attracted more clients to their flags and heightened the public's — and clients' — expectations. Plaintiffs' solicitors have also found that they can attract sympathetic media attention by making exaggerated statements as to the numbers of actual or potential claimants and the severity of the injuries alleged, or by questioning the bona fides of defendants who are not setting up voluntary compensation schemes.

> Thousands of people think they'll win compensation in cases that cannot succeed

Surges of new claimants generated by these tactics have in many cases inundated solicitors: the lateness of claims has encouraged the granting of legal aid and the issuance of immediate writs in the "agony of the moment" in order to meet time limits for the commencement of proceedings.

Once proceedings start and the defendants and court ask for sight of the justifying evidence, it appears in far too many cases that such evidence does not exist. You would expect the guilty solicitors to be chastened by this experience even if they still have other cases which seem worth pursuing. Not a bit. Instead they blame the civil legal system they chose to encourage their disappointed clients to enter as being unsuitable or uneconomic for the purpose.

They say that this type of litigation should be replaced by a public inquiry process capable of apportioning civil liability. What they fail to admit is that "fair play" would require any defendant against whom liability might be argued at such an inquiry to have adequate rights of representation. The inquiry therefore would be no more than the equivalent of a trial of the generic issues at an early stage with, crucially, the individual cases left to one side for their detailed examination later.

The public purse has been unnecessarily drained not only by the number of unmeritorious claims but by multiplicity of claimants' solicitors. In the original Opren arthritic drug group litigation, there were six lead firms of solicitors involved in the generic case and no fewer than 261 feeder firms representing one or more of the 1,500 individual plaintiffs. In the current tranquilliser case, there are six lead firms and, astoundingly, 1,553 feeder firms of solicitors representing the 10,800 or so claims notified to one defendant alone, Roche Products Ltd.

Of this total, 2,336 claimants served writs. In January, however, legal aid support was suspended for no fewer than 2,319 (represented by 466 solicitor firms). Some 2,300 of these plaintiffs were on legal aid, and in January the Legal Aid Board suspended legal aid support on the basis that they were not worthy of funding.

Tranquilliser cases being run against the other company defendants, John Wyeth and Brother Ltd, continue to receive legal aid support but even so, some of those claims are now being withdrawn after an audit being carried out for the legal aid authorities.

Even allowing for freedom of choice in employing a solicitor, how can it make sense for so many firms, many close neighbours of each other, to be billing the single public purse?

Surely a firm of solicitors approached to act for a single or a very few claimants ought to see the sense of referring, and be encouraged to refer, that case to a close-by firm already substantially involved so that savings can be achieved.

The desire to be involved in high-profile litigation, with the resulting opportunity to market for future cases, seems too strong to allow a sensible pooling of resources. Nevertheless, the probable cost of proceedings is one of the factors which the Legal Aid Board, and those who advise on the merits of legal aid applications, must consider.

Indeed, the test universally accepted and approved in the Legal Aid Handbook and applied by practitioners for many years seems to have been disregarded in too many group cases: if such plaintiffs were of sufficient but not superabundant means, would a competent lawyer advise them to litigate?

Neither justice, being impartial, nor the public purse, being limited, are served by wishful thinking on the part of lawyers.

Let those whom circumstances have proven were hasty in over-encouraging litigation reflect on whether they have leant too heavily on the public purse in pursuing their version of justice.

● *The author is senior partner at Davies Arnold Cooper, which has acted for several defendants in such cases.*

Articles are not as definite as they used to be

In a recent issue of the brochure which the Law Society distributes to students, telling them how to go about entering articles and what qualifications they will require to become a solicitor, there come two sentences: "You will enter a two-year training contract with your chosen employer... The structure of your training will depend upon the type of training you choose." Many of those who are now in the College of Law taking part in the last of the old-style vocational training courses, hoping soon to start articles, will be wondering what the Law Society means by "choose".

Since the recession many, probably most, small to medium-size provincial firms with a general practice are experiencing a reduction in income. They are having to seek ways of reducing overheads and, reluctantly, to dispense with staff who are not making a significant contribution to fee earning. Articled clerks (or trainees as they are now increasingly called) come into this category until well in their second year. The minimal annual salary payable to an articled clerk permitted by the Law Society is at present £10,850. On top of this salary, National Insurance has to be paid together with the cost of sending articled clerks on the compulsory training courses. Then there is the cost of support staff, the provision of facilities and of supervision. The total cost of employing an articled clerk is at least £20,000 a year.



BRIEF

SIR FREDERICK LAWTON

It is not surprising that many firms are deciding, however reluctantly, that the number of articled clerks should be reduced or that none at all should be taken on for the time being. I have been told that one vacancy can easily produce more than 100 applicants, most of whom are suitably qualified. In this context it is easy to see who has the choice, and who must wait to be chosen.

The scarcity of firms willing to take on articled clerks is the last and, for students, the most frustrating hurdle in the long obstacle race which they will have entered on leaving school intending to become solicitors.

First, they will have had to get a place in a university law school, which is difficult because so many apply. Those without family money behind them are likely to leave university in debt. After graduating they will have to undertake the Law Society's vocational course at one of four College of Law centres — London, Guildford, Chester and York. At present the tuition fees for these courses are £3,285 for London and £3,040 for the others. In September they will go up to £4,750 and £4,500 respectively.

In addition, the students have to provide themselves with accommodation and books, estimated to cost at least £8,000. Only about 51 per cent of local education authorities are now willing to make grants for these vocational courses, and when they do they are always far below what is needed. The result is that families have to find finance; and when they cannot the student has either to borrow it, if he can, or give up trying to become a solicitor. And then, after successfully completing the course, he finds that no articles are available. Can the country go on putting up with this waste of talent and resources?

Fifty years ago many of those now seeking to become solicitors would never have thought of trying to do so. They would have appreciated that their parents could not afford either to pay the premium then required on entering articles (£500 for non-graduates, £300 for graduates) or to support them during articles. Still less could they raise the capital which would be required later for taking up a partnership. Clever young men in this position usually tried to get into the civil service or took up teaching. Young women then rarely considered becoming solicitors.

Then came the imaginative and optimistic 1960s. University education was to become available for all who were able intellectually to take advantage of it. Maintenance grants were to be provided for those without family money. The professions were to stop being closed to all save the better-off.

The Law Society responded. Early in the 1970s it recommended to its members that all articled clerks should be paid reasonable remuneration. Later it made such payment a condition of registering articles. Local education authorities helped too. By the mid-1980s all but two were paying the tuition fees and making maintenance grants to law students on vocational courses. It could not last.

Once the recession began, both the funding authorities and the recipients of public money saw that making the universities and professions open to all was an unrealisable dream. There was no immediate prospect of more money becoming available. Law students, among many others, have become the victims of the excessive optimism of the 1960s. The legal profession cannot absorb all who want to enter.

What can be done? Recent social history may provide the answer. In the 1920s and 1930s local education authorities began to award grants to clever youngsters who had won open scholarships to universities. Most of them later made their mark in life; but few did so in the law because of lack of money. If youngsters of this calibre want to become lawyers, surely it would be in the public interest to finance them through to qualifications. This would mean giving up the hope so widely held in the 1960s and 1970s that anyone with the minimum qualifications should be able to enter the professions. Academic ability is no guarantee of success as a solicitor: many who have lacked it have become good ones. Nevertheless, if winnowing has to be done, the cold wind of academic selection may be an effective way of separating the legal grain from the chaff.

● *The author is a retired lord justice of appeal and was chairman of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on legal education from 1977 to 1986*

Training 'a mess'

THE Law Society is stepping up pressure on the government to help find ways to fund trainee solicitors. Last week John Hayes, secretary-general of the society, predicted that the profession would soon be only for the well-off. The present position, with many would-be solicitors unable to obtain discretionary awards from local authorities, unable to enjoy preferential rates under the government student-loan scheme, and increasingly unable to find places with hard-pressed high-street law firms is a "policy mess", he said. He urged the government to extend the student-loan scheme to the one-year vocational course, give tax relief to those already studying part-time and to fund bursaries in legal-aid practices.

Lease liability

THERE are mixed reactions to the government's plans to abolish the right of landlords to sue previous business tenants over leases they have assigned. Too little, too late, with no promise of implementation seems to be the general message.

Lawrence Heller, of Berwin Leighton, points out that the original Law Commission proposals were published in 1988. "Five years later, in the deepest property recession since the second world war, landlords have been operating the continuing liability rule to their benefit, taking a huge toll on former tenants without mitigation."

The modified proposals put forward preserve "an advantage for landlords that was condemned as unfair".

The changes, he says, bring little pleasure to former tenants under existing leases.

Law for French

THERE may be one easy, if slightly drastic, way for the government to deal with the uppity French fishermen. Bring them over to Britain and hang them. When the government abolished capital punishment in the 1960s, the Murder (Abolition of Death Penalty) Act left treason and piracy on the high seas as offences still punishable by the gallows. If the piracy argument fails, perhaps the government should take counsel's opinion on whether burning the Union Jack could be construed as treason.

Unless of course the government takes the view that hanging is too good for them.

Part-time articles

PATRICIA CAIN, believed to be the first trainee solicitor in England and Wales to be allowed to do her articles part-time, finally qualified last week.

When Ms Cain, who is with Smith Jackson & Bliss, a Carlisle firm, won approval from the Law Society to complete her articles on a part-time basis, it was seen as a big boost to women.

Before Ms Cain, women with a family, or men in other jobs, who wanted to train for the law had to be prepared to give up one year for the full-time Law Society's finals course, or do it by correspondence, then spend two full years doing articles. Ms Cain, who works three days a week with her firm, says: "The whole process has taken me 7½ years, 3½ doing articles, which seems an awfully long time. But I could not have done it unless I'd had the part-time arrangement. It is ideal for women who do not want to work all week."



Patricia Cain: a slow process to qualify

US jurisdiction

EUROPEAN and other nations are constantly protesting about what they see as excessive extra-territorial jurisdictional claims by some American courts. Now a recent decision in a case with sensitive foreign policy implications tentatively suggests a more moderate approach.

The case, Saudi Arabia v Nelson, involved a lawsuit filed by an American national against Saudi Arabia and several of its state-owned entities. The plaintiff was recruited in America by a company acting for a Saudi state-owned hospital.

After travelling to Saudi Arabia to interview for the job, the plaintiff claimed that, in return for reporting serious safety violations to his superiors, he was wrongfully imprisoned (for some 39 days), beaten and tortured.

He sought substantial damages under America's tort laws. The Saudi government admitted detaining him but denied ill-treatment. The Supreme Court held that the lawsuit could not be prosecuted on the ground that it was based on sovereign acts of the Saudi government, and therefore the US Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, which provides an exception to sovereign immunity for "commercial activities", did not apply.

Gary Born, an international lawyer in America, said the ruling showed a "refreshingly prudent approach to US assertions of jurisdiction over foreign conduct".

Review on assault

THE controversial law lords' ruling last month that a group of sado-masochists who inflicted injuries on each other for sexual pleasure was guilty of criminal assault has prompted a review of the law by the Law Commission.

The commission, the government's law reform body, is to look at the question of consent to physical injury across a whole spectrum of activity that includes sports, games and "what is sometimes called rough horseplay".

In the recent sado-masochism case, the law lords were divided, ruling three to two that consent to physical injury involving genital torture was no defence to charges of wounding or assault causing actual bodily harm. The commission will publish a consultation paper later this year, then a report with recommendations to parliament.

Richard Buxton QC, the law commissioner responsible, said that some of the law lords in the case had urged that "these difficult issues should be resolved by parliament, and not simply left to the courts".

As the commission was working on a codification into statute of the law of offences against the person, it made sense to consider whether the question of consent to physical injury could, or should, be included as well, the commissioner said.

Phone farrago

THE Solicitors' Complaints Bureau is protesting to British Telecom about the telephone arrangements for its recent move to Leamington Spa (Scrivenor, March 30). It turns out that although the bureau had made arrangements for a BT answer-message to give callers the new number, many callers either got the unobtainable tone or were left hanging on unanswered.

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Law Report April 6 1993 Court of Appeal

Court exercises power to reduce disproportionately large libel award

Rantzen v Mirror Group Newspapers and Others

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Roch

[Judgment March 31]

A jury award of libel damages which was disproportionately large in comparison to the harm suffered by the plaintiff would be considered excessive under section 8 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. In those circumstances, the Court of Appeal had power under section 8 and Order 59, rule 11(4) of the Rules of the Supreme Court to *intervene* and substitute a proper sum.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the defendants, Mirror Group Newspapers, as publishers of *The People* newspaper, Richard Stott, its editor, and Brian Radford, the journalist who wrote the two main articles which formed the basis of the libel action.

The appeal was from a decision of Mr Justice Otton sitting with a jury who, on December 16, 1991 awarded Esther Rantzen damages of £250,000 for libel in respect of articles published in *The People* on February 3, 1991.

Section 8 of the 1990 Act provides: "(1) In this section 'case' means any case where the Court of Appeal has power to order a new trial on the ground that damages awarded by a jury are excessive or inadequate.

"(2) Rules of Court may provide for the Court of Appeal, in such classes of case ... to have power, in place of ordering new trial, to substitute for the sum awarded by the jury such sum as appears to the court to be proper."

Mr Charles Gray, QC and Miss Heather Rogers for the defendants: Mr Richard Hartley, QC and Mr Geoffrey Shaw, QC, for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was common ground that in the past appellate courts had been very reluctant to interfere with an award of damages made by a jury. The barrier to be surmounted was a high one.

The question for consideration in the present appeal was whether that barrier needed to be re-assessed in the light of pronouncements made by the House of Lords in the context of the right of freedom of expression.

The plaintiff submitted that there was no reason to depart from the former practice which had been reaffirmed by the Court of Appeal not only in *Sutcliffe v Pressdram Ltd* ([1991] 1 QB 153) but also more recently in *Gorman v Mudd* (unreported; October 15, 1992).

The defendants submitted that section 8 of the 1990 Act now empowered the court to intervene more readily and to apply a less stringent test. It was enacted to address the concern which was widely felt that awards of damages had become unreasonable. The new power was clearly designed to be exercisable whenever an award of damages was considered by the Court of Appeal to be "excessive".

The court considered it necessary to examine the power to order a new trial and to substitute a fresh award in the light of the guidance given recently by the House of Lords as to the relationship between the common law and article 10 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1953) (Cmd 8969) and also in the light of guidance as to the proper scope of article 10, on the right to freedom of expression, given by the European Court of Human Rights.

It was accepted by the defendants that article 10 could not be directly applied because the Convention had not been formally adopted by Parliament so as to become part of English law, and that the right enshrined in article 10 had to be considered subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in domestic law.

It was submitted by the defendants, *inter alia*: (a) that any relevant conditions or restrictions had to be "prescribed by law". There was no statutory basis for a practice whereby a jury was free to award damages without any clear instruction by the court as to the principles to be applied or the precedents to be followed; and

(b) that an award of £250,000 on the *facts of the present case was not* necessary in a democratic society for the protection of the reputation or rights of the plaintiff who had not suffered any financial loss or any social damage. She continued to be an extremely successful television presenter.

Although the Convention was not part of English law it could be deployed for the purpose of resolving any ambiguity in English primary or subordinate legislation.

Where there was an ambiguity the courts would presume that Parliament intended to legislate in conformity with the *Convention, not in conflict with it*: see *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Brind* ([1991] 1 AC 696): It was also clear that article 10 might be used when the court was contemplating how a discretion was to be exercised.

Where freedom of expression was at stake, however, recent authorities supported the proposition that article 10 had a wider role and could properly be regarded as an articulation of some of the principles underlying the common law: see *Attorney-General v Guardian Newspapers Ltd (No 2)* ([1990] 1 AC 109) and *Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers Ltd* (*The Times* February 19; [1993] 2 WLR 449).

How then should the Court of Appeal interpret its power to order a new trial on the ground that the damages awarded by the jury were excessive? How was the word "excessive" in section 8(1) to be interpreted?

After careful consideration their Lordships had concluded that their power had to be interpreted so as to give proper weight to the guidance given by the House of Lords and by the Court of Human Rights. In particular, account should be taken of Lord Goff's speech (at p283) in *Attorney-General v Guardian Newspapers Ltd (No 2)*.

If one applied those words it seemed to the court that the grant of an almost limitless discretion to a jury failed to provide a satisfactory measurement for deciding what was necessary in a democratic society or justified by a pressing social need.

The court considered therefore that the common law, if properly understood, required the courts to subject large awards of damages to a more searching scrutiny than had been customary in the past. It followed that what had been regarded as the barrier against intervention should be lowered.

The question became: could a reasonable jury have thought that the award was necessary to compensate the plaintiff and to re-establish his or her reputation? Before considering the award in the present case the court would like to express its conclusion as to *what further guidance, if any, could be* given to a jury by the judge in his summing up.

It had to be remembered that the present procedure was a matter of practice rather than of substantive law *and that the court was not bound by* earlier precedents, although good reasons had to exist before departing from an established practice.

In *Wright v British Railways Board* ([1983] 2 AC 773, 784) Lord Diplock *had said that it was an important* function of the Court of Appeal to lay down guidelines as to the quantum of damages appropriate to compensate for various types of commonly occurring injuries.

So far, however, the courts had declined to introduce similar guidelines either in cases where damages were *assessed by a jury or in cases of* defamation. It was for consideration whether that state of affairs should continue or whether the present practice conflicted with the principle enshrined in article 10 that restrictions on the exercise of freedom of expression should be prescribed by law.

Until recently it had not been the practice to give juries other than minimal guidance as to how they should approach their task of awarding damages and in those circumstances previous awards could not be regarded as establishing a norm or standard in which reference could be made in the future.

Awards made by the Court of Appeal under section 8 and Order 59, rule 11(4) stood on a different footing. It seemed to the court that it must have been the intention of the framers of the 1990 Act that over a period of time the awards *made by the Court of Appeal* would provide a corpus to which reference could be made in subsequent cases.

Any risk of over-citation would have to be controlled by the trial judge, but to prevent reference to such awards would conflict with the principle that restrictions on freedom of expression should be prescribed by law. The decisions of the Court of Appeal could be relied on as establishing the prescribed norm.

It was to be hoped that in the course of time a series of decisions of the Court of Appeal would establish some standards as to what were, in the terms of section 8, "proper" awards. *In the meantime* the jury should be invited to consider the purchasing power of any award which they make.

In addition, they should be asked to ensure that any award which they made was proportionate to the damage which the plaintiff suffered and was a sum which it was necessary to award him to provide adequate compensation and to re-establish his reputation.

In the present case, a very substantial award was clearly justified but, as had been pointed out, the plaintiff still had an extremely successful career as a television presenter. She was a distinguished and highly respected figure in broadcasting. *Her work in combating* child abuse had achieved wide acclaim.

The court was driven to the conclusion that it had power to, and should intervene. Judged by any objective standards of reasonable compensation *or necessity or proportionality the award* of £250,000 was excessive. The court would exercise its powers under section 8 and Order 59, rule 11(4) and substitute the sum of £110,000.

Solicitors: Martin Cruddace: Herbert Smith.

No ban on advertising cheaper drug

Ciba Geigy plc v Parke Davis & Co Ltd

Before Mr Justice Aldous

[Judgment March 19]

Advertisements by the manufacturer of a therapeutic equivalent of a rival's established pain-killing drug, as being in effect just as good but cheaper, did not justify the grant to that rival, pending the trial of its action for passing-off, of *an interlocutory injunction* restraining such advertisements.

Mr Justice Aldous so held in the Chancery Division in discharging an interlocutory injunction, granted on February 17 and continued by the Court of Appeal on February 18 by Mr Justice Lindsay *ex parte*, but on notice, pursuant to a writ issued on February 15 and a notice of *motion dated February 16, which* restrained the defendant, trading as Parke Davis Research Laboratories, from, *inter alia*, issuing advertisements similar to those in the issues of February 13 and 20 of *Pulse* magazine, or promoting their products under or by reference to (a) the depiction of an apple, as shown in those issues, or (b) the slogan "Everything you would expect from a diclofenac retard".

Mr Antony Watson, QC and Mr Andrew Waugh for the plaintiff; Mr Geoffrey Hobbs, QC and Mr George Harner for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE ALDOUS said that the UK market for non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), which relieved pain from rheumatoid arthritis and the *like, was worth some £200 million* a year.

The plaintiffs had developed and marketed since 1979, under the trademark Voltarol, and by reference to the representation of a green apple, a range of NSAID pain-killers comprising the compound *diclofenac sodium and* since 1983, under the trade name Voltarol Retard, one which was released slowly into the patient's body, thus relieving pain more evenly over a longer period.

That proved very successful. By 1992 more than 20 million prescriptions for it had been written but it was no longer protected by a patent. Both its name and its connection with *the representation* of a green apple were well known to doctors and pharmacists, at whom publicity had been directed, since it was only available by prescription.

On February 13 the defendants, who had developed and wished to market what they regarded as an equivalent but cheaper slow-release diclofenac painkiller under *the brand-name Diclomax Retard*, published two advertisments in *Pulse* magazine.

The main one was a two-page spread with a 13in high green apple out of which a large bite had been taken. In large print was "Diclomax Retard takes a chunk out of your NSAID prescribing costs" and in smaller print "Diclomax Retard offers every*thing you would expect from a diclofenac* retard with one crucial difference — the price" and "Costs saving of around 25 per cent compared with the leading diclofenac retard..." Stapled on *the outside was a form, also* bearing the picture of an apple, inviting readers to send a pre-paid postcard to the defendant.

The plaintiff's case had fallen into four parts:

1 Classic passing-off: namely, an allegation that the defendant was *representing its product as the* plaintiff's. That had not been pursued.

2 Extended form of passing-off, as developed in the speech of Lord Diplock in *Erven Warnink Besloten Vennootschap v J. Townend & Sons (Hull) Ltd* (the Advokaat case) ([1979] AC 731, 742) which identified its five necessary characteristics as (a) a misrepresentation (b) made by a trader in the course of trade (c) to prospective customers (d) which was calculated to injure the plaintiff's business or goodwill and (e) which caused actual damage to the plaintiff's business or goodwill.

His Lordship analysed the affidavit evidence and concluded that the plaintiff had failed to establish that that raised a serious issue for trial.

3 That the defendant had falsely represented that its product used the same slow-release formula as Voltarol Retard. However, the evidence had established that the two products enjoyed, for practical purposes, equivalent therapeutic and bio-availability characteristics. It was not reasonably arguable that any reasonable doctor would conclude that such misrepresentation had been made.

4 That the defendant's advertisements falsely claimed that their product was entitled to claim the track-record enjoyed by Voltarol Retard. Here, too, there was, in his Lordship's opinion, no serious issue to be tried. The defendant's evidence had shown that Diclomax Retard had been granted the necessary product licence by the DHSS to obtain which, by the abridged application procedure of EC Directive 65/65, as amended by Directive 87/21, pharmaceutical equivalence must have been established.

Mr Hobbs had relied on *Hubbuck & Sons Ltd v Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark Ltd* ([1899] 1 QB 86) where the Court of Appeal had struck out as disclosing no cause of action a plaintiff's claim that the defendants had falsely and maliciously stated its zinc paint was superior to and cheaper than the plaintiff's. On that authority truth, malice and special damage were all irrelevant.

He had also cited Lord Herschell's observations in *White v Mellin* ([1895] AC 164, 165) on the mischief arising if a trader's statement that his goods were better than another's were actionable, and a number of authorities on the right of free speech, culminating in *Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers Ltd* (*The Times* February 19; [1993] 2 WLR 449).

*In those circumstances, the bal*ance of convenience was in the defendant's favour, so the interlocutory injunction would be discharged. The costs occasioned by evidence of a survey conducted by the plaintiffs, which had not complied with Order 45, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, were to be paid by the plaintiffs in any event.

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines: McKennas.

Commercial pressure not unlawful

Leyland Daf Ltd v Automotive Products plc

Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment April 2]

Exerting ordinary commercial pressure to obtain payment of unpaid debts by withholding supplies of further goods until goods previously supplied were paid for, even where the result of such action *was effectively to bring the operations* of the debtor to a halt, was not an abuse of a dominant position within article 86 of the Treaty of Rome.

Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division refusing to make an order sought by Leyland Daf Ltd that Automotive Products plc be compelled to supply certain goods, namely, parts for vehicle brake and clutch systems.

Mr Michael Crystal, QC and Mr Martin Pascoe for Leyland Daf; Mr John Higham, QC and Mr David Alexander for Automotive Products.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that Leyland Daf was a household name as a manufacturer of commercial vehicles. Unhappily it was now insolvent and administrative receivers had been appointed by debenture holders, certain banks who had supplied finance to the company.

The outlook for the creditors of Leyland Daf looked bleak and the unsecured creditors were unlikely to receive anything.

The receivers sought to continue production of vehicles in order to minimise the loss but the absence of one part, however small or trivial, could bring the production line to a halt.

Automotive Products was a substantial supplier of parts, namely brake and clutch systems. Last year Leyland Daf had ordered products worth £6 million from it. After the appointment of Leyland Daf's receivers, Automotive Products continued to supply parts.

The receivers were not liable for pre-receivership debts and had not paid substantial sums owed to Automotive Products. Automotive Products was understandably anxious about the unpaid bill. It had its own suppliers and workforce to be paid.

Automotive Products claimed the benefit of a retention of title clause over some of the goods it had supplied, although *the receivers* disputed that not unfamiliar claim.

Automotive Products had started an action seeking the resolution of that issue.

If the retention of title claim proved to be well founded it would recover three quarters of a million pounds unpaid debt. But what if it failed?

In order to recover moneys owed *to it Automotive Products had* threatened to stop supplying brakes and clutches if the receivers refused to pay the pre-receivership debts.

The difficulty for the receivers *was that in practice there was no* alternative source of supply available through which the production line at Leyland Daf could be kept moving.

Stringent product liability imposed a requirement for testing which new suppliers would need six to eight months to fulfil. The upshot was that unless the receivers complied with Automotive's Product's demands the production line would be brought to a halt.

Accordingly the receivers applied to the court seeking urgent interlocutory relief, namely a mandatory injunction compelling *Automotive Products to supply the* necessary parts for the next three months on its standard terms and conditions of sale.

The relief claimed was most unusual and one on which the common law position was clear. A party could not be forced to trade with another, even if a long term contract was in existence.

Lord Justice Mellish summarised the position in *In re Edwards, Ex parte Chalmers* ((1873) 8 Ch App 289, 291): "... the rights of a seller of goods when the purchaser becomes insolvent before the contract for sale has *been completely performed* ... [are] that in such a case the seller, notwithstanding that he may have agreed to allow credit for the goods, is not bound to deliver any more goods under the contract until the price of the goods not yet delivered is tendered to him; and that, if a debt is due to him for goods already delivered, he is entitled to refuse to deliver any more till he is paid the debt due for those already delivered, as well as the price of those still to be delivered": see also *Rother Iron Works Ltd v Canterbury Precision Engineers Ltd* ([1974] QB 1).

Mr Crystal did not dispute that that was the position at common law. But, he said, that was in conflict with article 86 of the Treaty of Rome.

Article 86 provided: "Any abuse *by one or more undertakings of a* dominant position within the common market or in a substantial part of it shall be prohibited as incompatible with the common market in so far as it may affect trade between member states. Such abuse may, in particular, consist in: (a) directly or indirectly imposing unfair purchase or selling prices or other unfair trading conditions; (b) limiting production, markets or technical development to the prejudice of *consumers; (c) applying dissimilar* conditions to equivalent transactions with other trading parties, thereby placing them at a competitive disadvantage; (d) making the conclusion of contracts subject to acceptance by the other parties of supplementary obligations which, by their nature or according to commercial usage, have no connection with the subject of such contracts."

That article, as Lord Diplock had said in *Garden Cottage Foods Ltd v Milk Marketing Board* ([1984] 1 AC 130, 141) had been held by the European Court of Justice "*to produce direct effects in* relations between individuals and to create direct rights in respect of the individuals concerned which the national courts must protect... The rights which the article confers upon citizens in the United Kingdom ... are without further enactment to be given legal effect in the United Kingdom and enforced accordingly."

Leyland Daf's case was that Automotive Products had committed a breach of article 86 that now formed part of English law; since it had a seriously arguable case to that effect the mandatory injunction sought should be granted.

An abuse of a dominant position was not defined in article 86, although in *Hoffmann-La Roche AG v EC Commission* ([1979] ECR 461, 541, paragraph 91) it was described as "an objective concept relating to the behaviour of an undertaking in a dominant position which is such as to influence the structure of a market where, as a result of the very presence of the undertaking in question, the degree of competition *is weakened and which, through* recourse to methods different from those which condition normal competition in products or services on the basis of the transaction of commercial operators, *has the effect of hindering the maintenance* of the degree of competition still existing in the market or the growth of that competition."

Abuse, therefore, directed attention at the use by the dominant undertaking of methods different from normal commercial operators.

When payment was overdue for goods supplied, the refusal to supply further goods could not normally be regarded as an abuse within article 86.

To exert ordinary commercial pressure to obtain payment was not an abuse. To hold a dominant *position was not in itself an abuse.*

The obligation to pay for goods supplied was a normal feature of a commercial competitive market. Article 86 could not have been intended to stop a supplier exerting ordinary commercial pressure to obtain payment just because the supplier was in a dominant position.

Leyland Daf's difficulties arose not from the unreasonable conduct of Automotive Products but from its own insolvency. That was not a sufficient reason to compel Automotive Products to depart from normal commercial behaviour.

Therefore, Leyland Daf did not have a seriously arguable case that Automotive Products infringed article 86 and accordingly his Lordship would not make the order sought.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; *Dibb Lupton Broomhead.*

Trustee's notice of disclaimer effective

MEPC plc v Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society and Another; Neville Richard Eckley (Third Party)

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Leggatt

[Judgment March 12]

A notice of disclaimer by which a trustee in bankruptcy disclaimed all his interest in a licence to assign relating to a lease was effective as a disclaimer of the lease.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the third party, Neville Richard Eckley, the trustee in bankruptcy of Roger Pell-Stevens, from a decision of Mr Martin Mann, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, in favour of the defendants, Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society.

Mr Edward Bannister, QC and Mr Oliver Ticciati for the third party; Mr David Neuberger, QC and Miss Susan Prevezer for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that on February 7, 1979 the plaintiff in the action, MEPC plc, granted to the defendants a lease for a term of 20 years of premises at 67/70 East Street, Brighton. On June 23, 1989 the defendants assigned the lease to Mr Pell-Stevens.

That assignment was granted pursuant to a licence to assign by deed, made between the plaintiffs (landlord), the defendants (tenant) and Mr Pell-Stevens (assignee).

In clause 2 the landlord granted the tenant a licence to assign, and in *clause 3(1) the assignee* covenanted with the landlord, during the residue of the term granted by the lease, to pay the rent reserved by the lease and perform and observe all the other covenants and conditions on the part of the lessee contained in the lease.

In the course of 1990 the assignee became bankrupt. The question on the appeal was whether Mr Eckley, his trustee in bankruptcy, had disclaimed the leasehold interest in the property. The proceedings between the plaintiffs and the defendants had arisen out of a claim for unpaid *rent subsequent to the 1989* assignment.

The trustee in bankruptcy duly signed and filed a notice of disclaimer in the prescribed Form 6.61 in the bankruptcy proceed*ings in Brighton County Court*, stating that he disclaimed all his interest in the "licence to assign ... relating to the lease" between the plaintiffs and the defendants.

It was the defendants' contention, *which had been upheld by the* judge, that the disclaimer was of the interest under the licence to assign and not of the interest under the lease.

The effect of a disclaimer was set out in section 315(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986: "A disclaimer .... (a) operates so as to determine, as from the date of the *disclaimer, the rights, interests and* liabilities of the bankrupt and his estate in or in respect of the property disclaimed, and (b) discharges the trustee from all personal liability in respect of that property as from the commencement of his trusteeship..."

A disclaimer of a leasehold interest by an assignee of the original term did not release the original lessee from liability to payment. That was why it was in the interests of the defendants to establish, if they could, that there had been no valid disclaimer.

It was urged for the defendants that the disclaimer of the licence to assign could have separate effect as a disclaimer of the obligation of the bankrupt to pay the rent to the plaintiffs under clause 3(1) of the licence to assign. Although the *covenant in the clause was ex*pressed to continue during the whole residue of the term granted by the lease, Mr Neuberger said that there was an independent obligation by privity of estate to pay *rent.*

To his Lordship's mind, that was not what the licence to assign was setting out to do. Their Lordships were concerned with section 315, which authorised disclaimer of onerous property. The onerous property in the context was plainly the lease itself under which the rent was payable. It was impossible to *construe the position so as to* achieve the result that the trustee could disclaim the onerous liabilities in relation to property but retain the property itself.

If the bankrupt had been an original lessee, the trustee could not have disclaimed the obligation arising out of or incidental to the covenant to pay rent, leaving the landlord to prove in the bankruptcy for the rent while he enjoyed the property. Equally, where there had been an assignment, the trustee could not disclaim the assignment or licence to assign without disclaiming the lease.

Was the disclaimer then a complete nullity which achieved nothing, or was it a disclaimer of all the interest of the bankrupt's estate under the lease? The latter construction was the obvious answer, coinciding with what must have been the intention of the parties to the document to get rid of the liability for onerous property, namely the leasehold interest carrying the obligation to pay rent. Accordingly, the disclaimer had been effective to disclaim the lease.

Lord Justice Leggatt agreed.

Solicitors: Berrymans; Cameron Markby Hewitt.

Staff rights safeguarded

Kenny and Another v South Manchester College

Before Sir Michael Ogden

[Judgment March 24]

Community law on the safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, applied to a prison education service being transferred from a local education authority to a college *following competitive* tendering. Accordingly, staff who had previously been employed by the education authority would have to be taken on by the college on the same terms and conditions.

Sir Michael Ogden, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in giving judgment in open court following a hearing in chambers in determining in favour of the *plaintiffs a question under Order* 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court as to whether the plaintiffs, Mr Peter Kenny and Ms Helen Woodruff, would be automatically employed by the defendants, *South Manchester College, after* April 1, 1993 pursuant to the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (SI 1981 No 1794) and/or Council Directive 77/187/EEC (OJ 1977 No L61 p26).

Mr Peter Wallington for the plaintiffs; Mr Patrick Elias, QC, for the defendants; Mr Richard *Drabble for the Home Office.*

HIS LORDSHIP said that on April 1 local education authorities would cease to be involved in education in the prison service and from that date education services would be provided under contracts following competitive tendering.

The first plaintiff was employed by Cheshire County Council as an education officer of a young offender institution. The second plaintiff was a main grade lecturer. The defendant had been awarded the contract to provide prison education services from April 1.

A dispute had arisen as to *whether or not*, as the plaintiffs contended, they would automatically become employees of the defendants. The defendants denied the plaintiffs' claim and argued that they were entitled to *employ such of the existing staff as* they wished. The Home Office, although not a party, supported the defendants' stance.

The defendants conceded that the 1981 Regulations implemented the Council Directive.

Time and time again the courts had reiterated that what his Lordship had to do was consider all the facts and assess whether the character of the transfer of undertaking within the meaning of article 1 of Council Directive 77/187/EEC. In *Spijkers v Gebroeders Bendik Abbatoir CV (Case 24/85) ([1986] ECR 1119)* Sir Gordon Slynn had said that a realistic and robust view was to be taken. Taking that *into account*, his Lordship was satisfied that there was to be a transfer.

Assuming the situation the defendants would be in on April 1, the prisoners and young offenders who attended, for example, carpentry would be likely in the main to be those who attended the same class in the same classroom the day before using the same tools. If asked after April 1 what had happened to the education department the answer would surely be there had been a transfer from the county council to the college.

Solicitors: Michael Scott & Co; Norton Rose; Treasury Solicitor.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

Authorisation of nationals' university diplomas acquired in another member state

Kraus v Land Baden-Württemberg

Case C-19/92

Before O. Due, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, F. Grévisse and M. Diez de Velasco

Advocate General W. Van Gerven (Opinion January 13)

[Judgment March 31]

The requirement to protect the public against the misuse of university diplomas issued outside the country where the holder of the diploma intended to make use of them was a *legitimate interest* of such a nature as to justify a restriction of the fundamental freedoms of movement and of establishment guaranteed by the *EEC Treaty* by the member state concerned, subject to the application of the principle of proportionality.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in reply to a question submitted *to it* by the *Verwaltungsgericht* (Administrative Court), Stuttgart.

The German law of June 7, 1939 on the use of university diplomas (*Reichsgesetzblatt* 1939, I, p985) provided that the holders of university diplomas issued by a higher education establishment in Germany *might use* such diplomas within a German territory without special authorisation.

On the other hand, German nationals who had obtained a university diploma from a foreign higher education establishment had to apply for authorisation from the appropriate minister of the relevant Land in order to use such a diploma within the Federal Republic.

The requirement of individual authorisation was also applicable to foreigners, including Community nationals, except for temporary residents.

The German penal code laid down a penalty of imprisonment for a maximum of one year or a fine on any person using university diplomas obtained abroad without that authorisation.

Dieter Kraus had studied law in Germany and, in 1986, had passed the first state exam in law. In 1988 after post-graduate stud*ies at the* University of Edinburgh he was awarded the degree of Master of Laws (LLM).

He subsequently followed the different steps necessary in order to sit the second state exam in law.

In 1989 Mr Kraus sent a certified copy of his LLM degree certificate to the Minister for Science and the Arts of the Land Baden-Württemberg but refused to submit a formal request for authorisation or to pay the required fees of DM 130 on the ground that the requirement for such an authorisation prior to the use of a university diploma obtained in another member state constituted an impediment to the free movement of persons as well *as discrimination prohibited by the* EEC Treaty since such prior authorisation was not required for the use of a diploma issued by a German establishment.

The dispute was brought before the *Verwaltungsgericht*, Stuttgart which submitted a question to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

The national court sought, in substance, to establish whether articles 48 and 52 of the EEC Treaty were to be interpreted as preventing a member state from prohibiting one of its own nationals, who held a university diploma issued in another member state, from using that diploma in its territory without having obtained administrative authorisation for the purpose.

Although the provisions of the Treaty relating to the free movement of persons could not be applied to purely internal situations in a member state the Court had held that article 52 of the Treaty could not be interpreted in such a way as to exclude from the benefit of Community law a member state's own nationals when the latter, owing to the fact that they had lawfully resided in another member state and had their acquired a professional qualification recognised by Community law, were, with regard to their member state of origin, in a situation which might be assimilated to that of any other persons who enjoyed from the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Treaty.

The same reasoning applied to article 48 of the Treaty. The free movement of workers and the right of establishment, guaranteed by articles 48 and 52 were fundamental freedoms in the Community system which would not be fully realised if the member state could refuse the benefit of the provisions of Community law to those of their nationals who had used the possibilities provided under that law and who had thereby acquired professional qualifications in a member state other than that of which they were nationals.

The same consideration was applicable in the case where a national of a member state had acquired a university qualification supplementary to his basic training in another member state which he intended to use after his return to his country of origin.

Even though a postgraduate university degree did not normally govern access to employment or a profession, possession of such a diploma none the less constituted, for a person entitled to use it, an advantage both for access to such a profession and for success in it.

In the absence of harmonisation of the conditions in which a holder of a postgraduate university di*ploma was able to use it in the* member states other than those in which it had been issued, member states were in principle still competent to define the conditions under which such a diploma might be used on their territory.

However, articles 48 and 52 prohibited any national measure, relating to the conditions for the use of an additional university diploma, acquired in another member state, which, even though it was applicable without discrimination based on nationality, was likely to restrict or make less attractive the exercise by Community nationals, including those of the member state which had adopted the measure, of the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Treaty.

A national regulation such as that described by the German court sought to protect the public *against the misleading* use of university diplomas acquired outside the territory of the member state concerned.

Furthermore, Community law did not prohibit a member state from adopting, in the absence of harmonisation, measures intended to avoid the abuse of possibilities created by the Treaty contrary to the legitimate interest *of that state.*

The necessity of protecting a possibly unsuspecting public against the misuse of university diplomas which had not been issued in accordance with the rules laid down for the purpose in the country where the holder of the diploma intended to make use of it, was a legitimate interest of such a nature as to justify a restriction by the member state in question of the fundamental freedoms laid down by the Treaty.

It followed that for a member state to establish a procedure for issuing administrative authorisation prior to the use of postgraduate university diplomas acquired in another member state *and to provide penalties in the* event of non-observance of that procedure was not in itself incompatible with the requirements of Community law.

However in order to satisfy the requirements laid down by Community law with regard to the principles of proportionality, such as national regulation had to fulfil certain conditions.

On those grounds, the Court of Justice of the European Communities ruled:

Articles 48 and 52 of the EEC Treaty were to be interpreted as not preventing a member state from prohibiting one of its own nationals who held a postgraduate university diploma issued in another member state from using *that diploma in its territory* without having obtained an administrative authorisation for that purpose provided that the authorisation procedure was for the sole purpose of establishing that the postgraduate university diploma had been correctly issued, that the procedure was accessible and did not require the payment of excessive administrative charges, that any decision refusing authorisation was capable of being submitted for judicial review, that the person concerned might be informed of the reasons on which that decision was based and that any penalties provided for in any case of failure to follow the authorisation procedure were not disproportionate to the seriousness of the offence.

Correction

In *Konstantinidis v Stadt Altensteig* (*The Times* April 2) the paragraph omitted from some editions was:

The applicant in the German proceedings was a Greek national who was resident in Altensteig, Germany. He practised there as a self-employed masseur and hydrotherapy assistant. According to his Greek birth certificate his forename was Χρήστος and his family name was Κωνσταντινίδης.

When new witnesses go on the box

Retrial by television makes for compulsive viewing, but how does the real legal profession judge the strong convictions of this rival courtroom, asks **Sean Webster**

Seeking to expose wrongful convictions poses investigative journalists with unique challenges and problems of research and verification. They must employ the skills of a detective to piece together the complex series of events which gives rise to any miscarriage of justice.

According to David Jessel, the presenter of Channel 4's *Trial and Error*, which is launched this week, only two or three out of every 40 cases which are initially investigated make it to the screen.

A major problem is getting witnesses to admit on camera that they may have been mistaken or lied on oath in court. Obviously journalists do not have the official powers of the police and people do not have to speak to them. They must therefore win the trust of witnesses and appeal to their sense of morality and fair play.

> 'I find it depressing that police forces don't co-operate'

Winning this trust was crucial to the *Trial and Error* programme investigating the case of Mary Druhan, a woman convicted of double murder after two people died in a fire in 1988 in Kingston upon Thames. It was claimed in court that she set fire to the building knowing that it was occupied by the men.

The problem for researcher Nina Davis was that the main witnesses were two homeless, chronic alcoholics who were wary of strangers. She tracked them down after several visits to the area by asking other vagrants about their whereabouts. "They were suspicious of anyone asking questions. It took four or five visits for them to understand and accept that I wasn't the law and I wasn't a solicitor."

Once they had accepted her it took a further three months of visits for them to agree to go on camera. Then there was the problem that their memories were severely impaired by meths binges so they would often forget to attend prearranged meetings.

The producer of the BBC's *Rough Justice*, Charles Hunter, faced similar problems when he investigated the alleged wrongful conviction of Patrick Kane, convicted of murdering two soldiers in Belfast.

"People were absolutely paranoid about appearing on camera... Establishing trust was vital because the people in Northern Ireland are very nervous about appearing on television on any case that touches on the political situation," says Hunter. However, he says that although people in the Catholic areas of West Belfast were very reluctant to appear on the programme themselves, they trusted his research team more than the Royal Ulster Constabulary and were more forthcoming with information.

The tactics for persuading a witness to come forward and talk often involve subtle psychology rather than the usual direct journalistic approach. Producer Steve Haywood of *Trial and Error* says that a softly, softly tactic sometimes pays off. "In one case, we did not even approach the main witness directly but told his friends over a three-year period that we felt he would talk because he was an honourable man. He eventually came forward."

In this case they succeeded in getting the witness to concede that the man convicted of murder had not struck the blow that killed. As a result, someone other than the man convicted may be charged with manslaughter. The new evidence has been instrumental in getting the case to be heard by the Court of Appeal at the end of this month.

Time is the enemy of programme makers, who typically come to a case four or more years after the original conviction. Witnesses' memories can fade and evidence be lost or destroyed. In the case of the Darvell brothers, wrongfully convicted in 1986 of murdering a woman in Swansea, *Rough Justice* discovered that a semen sample found at the crime scene had been "fixed" in a solution which made further forensic tests impossible.



PETER TREMOR

In camera: David Jessel (centre) obtains evidence from an unlikely witness — it was weeks before he agreed to be filmed for the new Channel 4 series, Trial and Error

Mr Jessel says that evidence is all too often rendered useless by such poor preservation techniques. "In the past months progress has been made on the retrieval of a distinctive DNA pattern from even the tiniest fragment of human sample, but this method of preservation effectively destroys this opportunity and a potential avenue of justice has been arbitrarily and unnecessarily blocked."

Many investigations, he says, come to a dead end because of the "random storage of half-forgotten exhibits in police stations", or the fact that, according to the police, an exhibit has "gone missing".

There is also the problem of access to evidence. In the case of the Darvell brothers, South Wales Police refused to co-operate with journalists investigating the case and consequently they did not get access to police notebooks used to record interviews with some men.

The subsequent programme was therefore lacking a piece of evidence which was to prove vital in establishing the men's innocence before the Court of Appeal.

In this case it took an investigation of the South Wales Police by a separate police force, Devon and Cornwall, which seized several hundred notebooks from police stations in the region and revealed that confessions had been tampered with. A forensic test showed that several pages had been added to the confessions.

Steve Phelps, a producer working on *Trial and Error*, says police should be more open: "I find it depressing that police forces are not willing to co-operate with this kind of re-investigation because it's really in their interests to be seen to co-operate in correcting mistakes."

Both *Trial and Error* and *Rough Justice* are concerned with finding new evidence to get a case referred to the Court of Appeal. Another problem is that untranscribed shorthand records are often destroyed by private shorthand companies after five years, which is usually much earlier than the date when cases can come up for appeal. The solicitors that acted for the convicted client generally co-operate by agreeing to appear on the programme. In fact, about 15 per cent of the cases featured in programmes in the past have been the suggestions of the lawyers themselves.

Programme makers are loath to admit publicly that they have had difficulties with some solicitors, because they rely on the goodwill of the profession for tip-offs about suspect cases. But journalists concede that some solicitors can be obstructive.

Jayne Egerton, assistant producer with *Rough Justice*, says the solicitors handling criminal cases do not have sufficient funding to do their work properly: "We recognise that a failure by the original solicitor to do the case properly is largely a case of lack of resources under the legal aid scheme rather than a lack of commitment."

The role of this kind of programme is likely to be questioned if the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice recommends the setting-up of a new independent commission to investigate possible miscarriages of justice and their proposal is acted upon.

However, broadcasters are confident that there will still be a need for such programmes: no matter how good the system is, they say, cases will always fall through the safety net.

● *The author writes for the Solicitors Journal. Trial and Error will be broadcast on Thursday at 9.30pm.*

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A striking rise in status for employment lawyers

Industrial action is no longer as popular as a legal battle, says **Edward Fennell**

In the run-up to last week's rail strike, Paul Statham, the lawyer at Pattinson & Brewer who acts for RMT, the railworkers' union, was pretty sanguine about developments. With a large pro-strike majority, there was little chance of an injunction from the employers and, although picketing was planned, Mr Statham was confident that there would be no trouble.

"Clear instructions had been issued to members about the conduct of the strike and with a union like RMT I'm confident that those instructions will be followed," Mr Statham said last Thursday. So assured was he of a trouble-free strike that no plans were being made, he said, to have any extra staff on duty during the course of the day. He was expecting to spend a pretty ordinary Friday at work.

How different from a few years ago when his firm, which acts for several unions, was to be found operating around the clock and fully stretched dealing with several disputes at once. As it is, trade union lawyers normally plan nowadays to have ironed out all the legal problems long before they reach the strike stage. Mr Statham clearly saw the mobilisation of last week's action, without falling foul of the law, as a successful outcome which reflected well on his legal skills.

Also taking a calm view of current events was Stephen Cavalier, of the union specialists Brian Thompson and Partners. Brian Thompson has recently joined its twin, Robin Thompson, in opening an office in Congress House so a total of 16 lawyers from the two Thompson organisations is now based on TUC premises.

The fact that lawyers are living cheek by jowl with their clients is an indication of how legally minded trades union leaders have become.

As Mr Cavalier commented, "Trade union officials now have their hands held every step of the way by their lawyers. There are so many legal traps into which they can fall that they want to bring us in from an early stage."

There is now an awareness on the employers' side too that the sooner legal advice is taken, the less painful it is likely to be later on. D.J. Freeman, a City firm, has just opened a telephone-based Employment Clientline service in response to a massive surge in concern about employment law.

"We hold seminars for clients regularly", says Jane Moorman, a lawyer with the firm, "and we were amazed by the attendance for the one on employment — the room was overflowing. It was also clear that many personnel directors had basic worries that could be solved easily and quickly with expert advice." The Employment Clientline is now operating on dedicated phone lines and can provide subscribers with the kind of instant advice that makes life easier for front-line personnel departments dealing with a range of complicated employment issues.

"It's clear that managing directors are reluctant to incur the cost of legal advice unless they really feel it is essential," Miss Moorman says. "However, given the complexity of employment law, it is easy to make mistakes. In addition, employees are much more tenacious about their rights. Because of the high level of unemployment, they believe they have nothing to lose by making a fuss if they think they have been treated unfairly."

> 'There are so many traps now that trade unions have their hands held every step of the way by their lawyers'

The irony of the Trades Union and Employment Rights Bill now passing through Parliament is that it is making both employers and employees feel persecuted. For example, the new maternity rights, the result of pressure from Brussels, are causing employers great anxiety, while the new arrangements for deducting employees' subscriptions have offended the unions.

If trades unions and bosses consider that they are already walking through a minefield, then, by the time the bill becomes law, it will seem as though an assault course has been added. Overcoming the obstacles and sidestepping the hazards will mean that the clients, on both sides, must hold the hands of their lawyers even tighter.

Will the current climate of 1970s-style confrontation last? Most employment lawyers believe that strikes are now an aberration in an industrial relations scene which is more focused on legal manoeuvring than picketing.

The occasional strike may be helpful to keep one's hand in — but commuters can take comfort that no "summer of discontent" is foreseen on the legal horizon.



JOHN MANNING

Strike day: Waterloo station last week and (inset) Jane Moorman, of D.J. Freeman

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Standly times his big moment to perfection

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN NEW ORLEANS

MIKE Standly timed the moment to claim his first win on the USPGA Tour to a nicety. His victory in the Freeport-McMoRan Classic in New Orleans on Sunday earnt him an invitation to the US Masters, which starts on Thursday at August National. Standly, awash with emotion, could only gasp: "I don't know what to say."

Standly, 28, achieved his triumph in style, going out in 31 on the way to a final round of 67 to win by a shot from Payne Stewart, the former US Open and PGA champion, and Russ Cochran. Greg Norman was fourth and Vijay Singh, who has earned more than $130,000 (about £86,000) in the last three weeks, was fifth. Stewart, Norman and Cochran will be joining Standly at Augusta but Singh, uninvited despite two victories in Europe last season and performances in the last three weeks that have won him special temporary membership of the US Tour, will not. Next year should be a different matter.

Yesterday, Standly, a Texan from Abiline, was having his first look at the lush green acres of Augusta, where the course was waterlogged and the rain was bucketing down. The people in the golf shop, who had obviously studied the long-range weather forecast, assured damp spectators who were anxious not to be sodden further, that there were "plenty more umbrellas".

"I won the tour school two years ago, and I considerd that a major," Standly said after his victory. "Now I get to go to a real one."

Everybody, not just first-time visitors like Standly, perks up at the thought of the Masters. Stewart, who has not won in the United States since his Open victory at Hazeltine in 1991, was disappointed when his 25-foot putt at the last to put him into a play-off pulled up a fraction short of the hole, dead on line. It is one of the most irritating things that can happen to a golfer, at any level, let alone with extra-time beckoning, but Stewart, wearing the colours of the New Orleans Saints football team, said a few choice, doubtless unsaintly words to himself, before being the ultimate gracious loser.

"Give credit to Mike," he said. "He played a wonderful game of golf. At the 15th, where I put my second shot in the water, my caddie said to me, 'We didn't come here to finish second'. I had 213 yards to the front of the green, and if I had pulled the shot off I would have been a hero. Given that opportunity again I'm going to grab the three-wood and hit it.

"Now I can look forward to Augusta. I'm excited about being there. I don't know what's going to happen, but I think my game's good enough. I'm driving the ball long."

Stewart, for all his quality, has an undistinguished Masters record — a tie for eighth place in 1986 is his best position. Nick Faldo, however, has a record that ranks him with the greats. Only he, in 1989 and 1990, and Jack Nicklaus, who won in 1965 and 1966 and had four other victories as well, have won the Masters two years running, and this year Faldo comes to Augusta in just the sort of form he would like to be in. "The game's good," he said, after a final round of 69 in New Orleans. "I know what I'm doing and I get switched on for Augusta."

If he can coax his new, faster, putting routine to click into gear, he will not only scupper his reputation as the slowest putter on tour (according to a survey he had an average time of over a minute at Doral, when he was, admittedly, striving to come to terms with some adjustments), he will leave everyone else scrapping for second.

Johnson's victory brings reward for hard labour

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

IT TOOK longer than expected, but it was well worth waiting for. Trish Johnson's first victory in the United States, which came on Sunday in the Las Vegas LPGQ tournament at Canyon Gate, was due reward for a talent that at one stage threatened to become bogged down in a mire of technicalities.

Over the last year and more, with the help of Lawrence Farmer, her coach, Johnson has worked immensely hard to improve her swing, and Sunday's win indicated that she is succeeding. A round of 67, five under par, in winds that gusted up to 40 miles per hour, was not the work of someone at odds with herself or her technique. "It was amazing," she said. "I just hit the ball well, and all of a sudden the putts started to drop."

Johnson, the former English strokeplay and matchplay champion, is a veteran of windy conditions, having lived in Wales and played a lot of her golf at Porthcawl and Pyle and Kenfig. "I knew when I saw what the weather was like that those of us two or three shots off the lead would have a chance," she said. "I just tried to keep a nice smooth rhythm."

She started the day three shots behind Brandie Burton but won by four shots with a total of 209, seven under par. Burton, who had a 75, shared third place with Deb Richard, a stroke behind Missie McGeorge. Caroline Pierce, an English exile from Sussex, was eighth after a 69 and she and Johnson were the only players to break 70. Johnson, whose celebrations will have been enhanced because her beloved Arsenal beat Spurs in the FA Cup semi-final on the same day, was first marked down as something special when she won all four of her matches in the Curtis Cup at Prairie Dunes in Kansas in 1986.

Great Britain and Ireland beat the United States easily and Johnson went on to reach the quarter-finals of the US women's amateur championship. Over-confidence proved her downfall then — "I was making up my victory speech instead of concentrating on finishing the match," she admitted.

Fiercely competitive, her combativeness and self-belief more than made up for any deficiencies in a long, loose, slightly-flawed technique, and when she turned professional in 1987 at the age of 21 she was an immediate success in Europe. She won three tournaments, was fifth on the order of merit with earnings of more than £35,000 and was rookie of the year. Johnson then earned her card in America, winning that year's qualifying school by six shots.

She started well in her first tournament on the US tour in 1988 and found herself vying for the lead. The collapse, when it came, was spectacular. No matter how hard she tried, Johnson could not score, and even when she thought she had things under control, they would suddenly veer alarmingly off track. Bogeys were not the cause of her suffering: she went in for double and treble bogeys — soul-destroying stuff.

Desperately searching for an answer, Johnson became immersed in theory, begging people on the practice ground to check that the angle of her left knee on the backswing mirrored that of her left elbow, or some such convoluted detail. A couple of lean seasons ensued — even players of rare ability have to learn their trade — but in 1990, she was No. 1 in Europe and showing signs of turning all her potential into achievement.

As a member of the Solheim Cup team that won so gloriously at Dalmahoy last October, Johnson beat Patty Sheehan, winner of the US and Weetabix British women's Open titles, in the singles. Her confidence, like that of other members of the European side, soared, and in the first women's professional world team championship in Taipei later that month, she shared the individual title with Lotte Neumann, of Sweden.

Last week, when Helen Alfredsson, another Swede, became the first European to win the Nabisco Dinah Shore, the first major championship of the women's season, none of her fellow Europeans was surprised. They knew it was only a matter of time before one of them won and, as Johnson showed, won again.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 209: T Johnson (GB), 71, 71, 67. 213: M McGeorge, 71, 71, 71. 214: D Richard, 72, 70, 72; B Burton, 74, 65, 75. 215: H Stacy, 73, 72, 70; L Merten, 74, 67, 74; J Dickinson, 71, 69, 75. 216: C Pierce (GB), 74, 73, 69. 217: M Mackall, 77, 68, 72; S Hamlin, 75, 70, 72; C Hill, 74, 71, 72; A Benz, 73, 72, 72; A Sorenstam (Swe), 73, 70, 74; P Sheehan, 72, 69, 76; E Crosby, 72, 68, 77.



Winning style: Johnson is at last reaping the benefit of working on a flawed technique

SPORT IN BRIEF

Senna undecided about racing at Donington

McLAREN and Ayrton Senna were at odds yesterday over whether the Brazilian three-times world champion would drive in the European grand prix at Donington on Sunday. A McLaren spokesman said at the team headquarters in Woking that Senna would race. But a spokesman for the Brazilian said in Rio de Janeiro that Senna had yet to decide. "He has not made up his mind yet and is still resting at Angra dos Reis where he has been since winning the Brazilian grand prix."

Senna's win in the Brazilian race put him at the top of the Formula One world championship. However, he is pressing for improved engines from Ford Cosworth before deciding on a long-term contract with McLaren. He drove outstandingly at Interlagos but his win was mainly due to the fact that Alain Prost's Williams Renault spun off the track in the rain. McLaren made it clear that Michael Andretti, who crashed in Brazil, would drive the other car at Donington.

Interest in Le Mans

MOTOR RACING: Entries have poured in for the Le Mans 24-hour race even though the world sportscar championship series has been called off, organisers said yesterday. The Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) said 64 entries have been received for the classic endurance event, scheduled for June 19 and 20, compared with just 28 starters last year. The field will be reduced to 46 after qualifying. Jean-Marc Desnues, of the ACO, said he was delighted with the reaction to the organisers' decision to open the race to all-comers after the International Motor Sports Federation cancelled the sportscar championship. New ACO rules open the race to group C and touring cars as well as regular sportscars.

Leeds lose more money

RUGBY LEAGUE: Leeds is in the red by £316,632. Expenditure on players is the main cause of the debt for last year, and after another unsuccessful season, interest from the heavy investment is still lacking. The loss compares with £6,583 the previous year, but the cost of players leapt by more than £400,000 to £1,438,100, with major signings including Ellery Hanley and Craig Innes. This season has brought a further crop of star names, no rewards and further financial burden. With Halifax the only big club not heavily in debt, a stagnant transfer market may now dry up completely and cause clubs to revise the heavily criticised player-contract system.

Goossens wins appeal

MOTOR RACING: The controversial finish to the second round of the British Formula Three championship at Thruxton on Sunday took a final twist when Marc Goossens, of Belgium, was reinstated as the race winner. Goossens had led from start to finish, fending off a challenge from Andre Ribeiro, of Brazil, who spun off the track on the sixth lap. Ribeiro protested that the Belgian had forced him on to the grass and Goossens was disqualified and fined £300 for careless driving. Goossens's West Surrey Racing team appealed to the RAC stewards on Sunday night and, in a repeat of the first round, at Silverstone, where Kelvin Burt was reinstated, Goossens was awarded victory.

Badminton horse dies

EQUESTRIANISM: Up River, the horse on which Lucinda Green hoped to make her Badminton comeback next month, died while competing at the Lincoln horse trials on Sunday. It is thought the 11-year-old gelding, owned by Ernie Fenwick, suffered a heart attack. Green, 39, who would have been attempting a seventh Badminton win after a five-year absence, took over the ride on Up River from Chris Bartle last May. They were third in the national championships at Gatcombe in August and fifteenth at Burghley in September. The Badminton entry has closed with a record 121 horses.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION LEAGUE: First division: Millwall 2, Chelsea 1; Luton 0, Crystal Palace 0; Arsenal 0, QPR 2

WORLD CUP: Concacaf group: El Salvador 2, Mexico 1, Honduras 2, Canada 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Sao Paulo championship: First stage: Group A: Corinthians 0, Sao Paulo 2, Guarani 4, Portuguesa 2, Ituano 1, Juventus 1; Marilia 1, Uniao Sao Joao 1; Mogi Mirim 1, Bragantino 1; Noroeste 1, XV de Piracicaba 0; Palmeiras 2, Santos 1; Rio Branco 1, Ponte Preta 0. Group B: America/Sao Paulo 1, Sao Jose 0; Catanduvense 0, Aracatuba 1; Ferroviaria 2, Taquaritinga 0; Internacional/Limeira 0, Botatogo/Riberao Preto 2; Novorizontino 3, Sao Caetano 0; Santo Andre 5, Olimpia 0; XV de Jau 2, Saocarlense 3.

Rio de Janeiro: First stage: Americano 0, Volta Redonda 0; Botatogo/Rio de Janeiro 0, Fluminense 3; Entremiense 2, Vasco da Gama 1, Olaria 2, America/Tres Rios 1; Sao Cristovao 1, America/Rio de Janeiro 1.

ATHLETICS

WASHINGTON DC: Cherry Blossom 10-mile runs: Men: 1, W Segal (Ken), 48min 25sec; 2, A Kiprono (Ken), 48:33; 3, I Kinuthia (Ken), 47:04. British: 11, S Jones, 48:08; 20, D Derrick, 49:48; 24, D Wilson-Evans, 50.48. Women: 1, J St Hilaire (US), 52:27; 2, P Konga (Ken), 52:30; 3, K Szabo (Hun), 53:06

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Leicester City Riders 98 (Treavant 30, Waldron 24), Birmingham Bullets 103 (Rucker 41, Singleton 21); London Towers 92 (P Scantlebury 29, Bailey 14), Cheshire Jets 83 (Herring 32, Thomas 26); Oldham Celtics 104 (Fite 29, Henderson 21), Guildford Kings 94 (Brown 26, Duncan 19); Sunderland Saints 85 (N Hopper 14, Nottage 13), Thames Valley Tigers 101 (Lloyd 24, James 19)

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago Bulls 101, Boston Celtics 89; Cleveland Cavaliers 105, New Jersey Nets 99; Phoenix Suns 110, Indiana Pacers 100; Denver Nuggets 120, Minnesota Timberwolves 94; Miami Heat 124, Orlando Magic 106; Philadelphia 76ers 112, Sacramento Kings 102

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
†New York Knicks	51	20	.718	—
Boston Celtics	42	30	.583	9½
New Jersey Nets	42	31	.575	10
Orlando Magic	33	37	.471	17½
Miami Heat	32	39	.451	19
Philadelphia 76ers	22	49	.310	29
Washington Bullets	21	50	.296	30

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
†Chicago Bulls	50	21	.704	—
Cleveland Cavaliers	44	27	.620	6
Atlanta Hawks	38	34	.528	12½
Charlotte Hornets	37	35	.514	13½
Indiana Pacers	35	36	.493	15
Detroit Pistons	33	37	.471	16½
Milwaukee Bucks	25	45	.386	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
†Houston Rockets	48	25	.648	—
†San Antonio Spurs	44	27	.620	2
Utah Jazz	42	30	.583	4½
Denver Nuggets	31	41	.431	15½
Minnesota Twolves	19	53	.264	26
Dallas Mavericks	7	64	.099	39

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
†Phoenix Suns	55	15	.786	—
†Seattle SuperSonics	49	23	.681	7
†Portland Trail Blazers	42	28	.600	13
Los Angeles Clippers	36	36	.500	20
Los Angeles Lakers	34	36	.486	21
Golden State Warriors	29	43	.408	26½
Sacramento Kings	22	50	.306	34

*clinched division title
†clinched play-off berth

ICE HOCKEY

EINDHOVEN: World championships: Pool B: Great Britain 10, Romania 4; Denmark 9, Japan 3; China 4, Bulgaria 3; Romania 5, Bulgaria 2; Great Britain 14, China 0. Final positions: 1, Great Britain, 14pts; 2, Poland, 12; 3, Holland, 10; 4, Denmark, 8; 5, Japan, 6; 6, Romania, 4; 7, China, 2; 8, Bulgaria, 0

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 4, Washington Capitals 0; Boston Bruins 3, Buffalo Sabres 0; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 0; Vancouver Canucks 3, Ottawa Senators 0; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, New Jersey Devils 2; Chicago Blackhawks 5, St Louis Blues 4; Calgary Flames 4, San Jose Sharks 3.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division

	W	L	D	Pts
*Pittsburgh Penguins	53	21	6	112
Washington Capitals	40	31	7	87
New Jersey Devils	38	35	6	82
New York Islanders	37	34	6	80
New York Rangers	34	32	11	79
Philadelphia Flyers	30	37	11	71

Adams division

	W	L	D	Pts
†Montreal Canadiens	47	27	6	100
†Boston Bruins	46	28	7	99
†Quebec Nordiques	44	25	10	98
†Buffalo Sabres	38	31	10	86
Hartford Whalers	23	48	5	51
Ottawa Senators	9	66	4	22

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division

	W	L	D	Pts
†Detroit Red Wings	44	28	9	97
†Chicago Blackhawks	43	25	11	97
†Toronto Maple Leafs	42	28	11	95
St Louis Blues	35	34	10	80
Minnesota North Stars	34	35	10	78
Tampa Bay Lightning	22	51	5	49

Smythe division

	W	L	D	Pts
†Vancouver Canucks	42	28	9	93
†Calgary Flames	40	29	10	90
†Los Angeles Kings	37	33	9	83
†Winnipeg Jets	37	35	7	81
Edmonton Oilers	26	45	8	60
San Jose Sharks	10	68	2	22

*clinched division title
†clinched play-off berth

MOTOR RACING

THRUXTON: British Formula Three championship: 1, M Goossens (Bel, Reynard-Mugen) 23min 58.06sec; 2, K Burt (GB, Reynard-Mugen), 24:01.74; 3, P de la Rosa (Sp, Reynard-Mugen), 24:02.19; 4, G Rees (GB, Reynard-Mugen), 24:06.49; 5, S Arnold (GB, Dallara-Mugen), 24:09.46; 6, W Hughes (GB, Dallara-Mugen), 24:09.01. Fastest lap: W Hughes 119.74mph. Goossens finished first, disqualified, but reinstated on appeal.

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGES RALLIES: Woodpecker (Shropshire): R Gough (Ford Escort) 44min 42sec. Durham Dales (Northumbria): T Janetta (Escort Cosworth) 33.36 Three Sisters (Lancashire): I Savage (Escort Cosworth) 27.29.

NETBALL

ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Essex Met 46, Surrey 63; Hampshire North 50, Birmingham 59; Hertfordshire 38, Middlesex 41: Bedfordshire 59, Kent 38. Second division: Northamptonshire 46, Humberside 48, Nottinghamshire 44, East Essex 51; Gloucestershire 62, Cheshire 48; Mid-Hampshire 33, West Yorkshire 32.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: National Under-24 doubles championship: Milne Hue Williams trophy: Semi-finals: Tonbridge (K Walker and P Le Marchand) bt Malvern I (R Henman and A Hiscock), 3-2; Marlborough (A Robinson and G Barker) bt Clifton (M Windows and R Clarke), 4-0. Final: Marlborough bt Tonbridge, 4-0.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Army Open Pistol Meeting: Overall Championship: 1, M Gault 1,123 points; 2, T Armstrong 1,135; 3, D Levens 1,131. Free Pistol: 1, P Leatherdale 567, 2, Gault 560; 3, N Bader 547. Centre Fire: 1, Leatherdale 580/144; 2, Gault 580/139; 3, B Smith 580/138. Standard: 1, Levens 566; 2, Gault 561; 3, Smith 559. Women's Standard: 1, M Thomas 568; 2, C Page 557; 3, C Bennet 555. Air Pistol: 1, Gault 586; 2, Leatherdale 577; 3, N Freeland 570. Women's Air: 1, Page 379, 2, B Young 373; 3, Benest 365. Olympic Rapid: 1, R Fillery 578; 2, P Clark 576; 3, H Hunter 573. Service B: 1, B Yard 106; 2, W Armstrong 106 3, A Stevens 105. Police Pistol: 1, N Jay 266; 2, C Webb 257; 3, T George 257. Rifle Match (200, 500, 900 and 1,000 yards): 1, GB Canada Team 2,261; 2, GB Africa 2,258. Individual: Mrs S Kent 194.

SNOOKER

SKY SPORTS INTERNATIONAL OPEN (Plymouth Pavilion): Third round: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt D Reynolds (Eng), 5-2.

TENNIS

HILTON HEAD, South Caroline: Women's tournament: Final: S Graf (Ger) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 7-6, 6-1.

TOKYO: Japan Open: First round: K Jones (US) bt G Motomura (Japan), 6-4, 6-1; C Pridham (Can) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-2, 6-2; M Damm (Cz) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; J Morgan (Aus) bt D Prinosil (Ger), 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; D Rach (US) bt L Kosiowski (Ger), 7-5, 6-1; G Raoux (Fr) bt J Bates (GB), 7-6, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt R Tsujino (Japan), 6-4, 6-3; J Siemerink (Holl) bt S Pescosolido (It), 2-6, 7-6, 7-5; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt K Thoms (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; P McEnroe (US) bt C Adams (US), 0-6, 6-2, 6-2; B Steven (NZ) bt T Mo (US), 7-6, 6-3; A O'Brien (US) bt T Shimada (Japan), 6-4, 6-1. Women: First round: M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-1, 6-3; Y Basuki (Indo) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 7-6, 6-0; M Oremans (Holl) bt M Javer (GB), 6-4, 7-5; P Shriver (US) bt M Werdel (US), 6-4, 6-4; N Provis (Aus) bt R Hiraki (Japan), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Rottier (Holl) bt P Parada-Mangon (Fr), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

GOLF

WEST HILL GOLF CLUB: Father and son foursomes tournament: First Round: R C W and N Stokes (Hayling) bt P G and S Smith (Surbiton), 8 and 6; D H and C Ramsay (Bankhemstead) bt D and B Watson (Worplesdon), 8 and 6; D C and J Dixon (Nevill/R Ashdown Forest) bt B G and K Sharp (Bramley/Collingtree Park), 3 and 2; J and T Baldwin (Tandridge/Mannings Heath) bt G T and M Redmore (Lyphook), 2 and 1; R W and I Astoe (Worplesdon) bt T W G and R Betts (Ham Manor/Mannings Heath), 4 and 3; B J and G Taylor (Thorpe Hall) bt A and T Swanston (Worplesdon), 5 and 4; B H and J Smart (Guildford) bt D M and W Laing (Dyke), 2 and 1; R A and D Wood (Wildernesse/ Nevill) bt M M and P Lawson (Stoneham /Hockley), 2 and 1; I H and D Thompson (Harewood Downs) bt K R and C Kipping (Hammonds End), 3 and 2; G N and M Bell-Rawden (Haywards Heath/West Hill) bt R and P Tindale (Cleethorpes), 5 and 3; W G and W Barney (West Hill/Sherborne) bt C and A Taylor (Luffenham Heath/ Burghley Park), 5 and 4; R W and N Elliott (Littlehampton/Bramley) bt M T C and T Waugh (Walton Heath), 4 and 3; T G A and J Chappell (Yeovil) bt M R and T Geake (St Enodoc/R Adelaide), 4 and 3; J and D Niven (Newbury and Crookham/R Cinque Ports) bt J W and I Hepburn (St George's Hill), 5 and 4; D P G C and J Sinker (Sunningdale Hill) bt M J and B Bracey (Bristol and Clifton), 5 and 4; P J and S Benka (West Sussex) bt T L and W Barclay (Bradford/R Wimbledon), 2 and 1; P J M and R Bashurst (Hankley Common) bt D and A Greenhalgh (R Mid Surrey), 2 holes; R and M Macpherson (New Zealand/Cor Hampton) bt J D and C Wilkinson (Cotswold Hills/ Walton Heath), 7 and 6; J N T and A Hutton (Graham Hurst) bt J S and W Taylor (West Hill /Coodden), 3 and 2; J R A and P Bampfield (Oswestry) bt P J R and E Webb (Walton Heath), 3 and 2

R J and D Hill (Worplesdon) bt J D and P Nash (Betchworth Park), 1 hole; J and M Connelly (Woking) bt J and A Chesser (Walton Heath), 4 and 3; W and D Wood (Walton Heath) bt P F G and M Fane (North Hants/ Helensburgh), 2 holes; A and J Sparrow (Lytham Green Drive) bt B M and P Jones (John O'Gaunt), 4 and 2; D W and T Sykes (East Devon) bt D H G and P Goodalls (Littlestone), 7 and 6; I and R Langmead (Bagnor) bt A J and J Cronk (Walton Heath), 3 and 2; V F and M Davis (Wyke Green/ Sudbury) bt G F and J Abbercrombie (Hayling/ Highgate), 3 and 1; A E and I Oakes (Hunstanton) bt D and A Knill-Jones (Beamstead Downs), 1 hole; D C and M Burridge (Ealing) bt I and W Kelsey-Fry (The Addington/ Shelehurst), 3 and 1; D E and P Anderson (Redhill and Reigate/ Betchworth Park) bt W A and G Longworth (Wimslow), 3 and 2; J F and S Murphy (Woking/Saujana Kuala Lumpur) bt R J and C Coombes (Walton Heath), 7 and 6; E J and M Farmer (R Eastbourne/N Hants) bt G and J Fletcher (R St Georges), 20th hole; R J and J Rutherford (Northumberland) bt D P A and J Cox (Sunningdale), 4 and 3; S D and C Bowyer (Moortown) bt R G and M Newman (Coombe Hill/Banstead), 4 and 3; J A and R Piggott (Littlehampton/ West Middlesex) bt C J and P Freeston (Woburn/The Leicestershire), 3 and 2

HALFORD HEWITT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMPETITION, Sandwich: Fourth round: Semi-finals: Clifton bt Epsom 3½-1½, Shrewsbury bt Whitgift 4-1. Final: Shrewsbury bt Clifton 3-2.

POOLS FORECAST

TEAMS in mid-table at this stage of the season are usually a fair bet for draws. Safe from relegation and with no prospect of either a place in Europe or promotion, they are often surprised by sides which have everything to fight for. Liverpool, in thirteenth place, could be upset at Anfield by Oldham Athletic, whose resounding victory over Wimbledon on Saturday lifted them clear of the relegation places.

Like Liverpool, Queens Park Rangers, in eighth position, have little to play for except pride, whereas their visitors, Nottingham Forest, are desperate for points and are fancied to take at least one from Loftus Road, where they won 2-0 last season.

Derby County's hopes of a first division play-off place have vanished and their miserable home record does not suggest they will beat Brentford, who have picked up recently in their battle against relegation.

In a promising week for away selections, the most likely five are Everton, Chelsea, Portsmouth, West Bromwich Albion and Port Vale.

It seems inconceivable that Cowdenbeath, with only nine points and already relegated to the Scottish second division, will go a whole season without winning at home. Facing middle-of-the table Morton on Saturday, they may be worth including in your home selections.

Saturday April 10 unless stated

PREMIER LEAGUE

1 A Villa v Coventry
2 Ipswich v Arsenal
1 Leeds v Blackburn
X Liverpool v Oldham
1 Man Utd v Sheff Wed
2 Middlesbro v Everton
X QPR v Notts F
2 South'pton v Chelsea

Not on coupons: Sheffield United v Manchester City (Friday); Tottenham v Norwich (Friday), Wimbledon v Crystal Palace (Friday)

FIRST DIVISION

2 Bristol R v Portsmouth
X Derby v Brentford
1 Notts Co v Charlton
2 Oxford v Bristol C
1 Peterboro v Cambridge
2 Sunderland v Birm'gh'm
1 Swindon v Luton
2 Watford v Southend

Not on coupons: Barnsley v Grimsby, Millwall v Tranmere; West Ham v Leicester (Sunday); Wolves v Newcastle

SECOND DIVISION

1 Bradford v Blackpool
1 Burnley v Brighton
2 Chester v West Brom
2 Fulham v Leyton O
X Hull v Hartlepool
2 Mansfield v Port Vale
1 Plymouth v Exeter
X Preston v Huddersfield
1 Stoke v Reading
1 Swansea v Bourn'm'th
2 Wigan v Bolton

Not on coupons: Stockport v Rotherham (Friday)

THIRD DIVISION

1 Barnet v Scarborough
X Carlisle v Darlington
2 Lincoln v Chesterfield
1 Scunthorpe v Rochdale
1 Shrewsbury v Hereford
1 Walsall v Torquay
X Wrexham v Crewe
X York v Cardiff

Not on coupons: Colchester v Northampton (Friday), Doncaster v Halifax

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

1 Kettering v Altrincham
1 Kid'minster v Bath
X Macclesf'ld v Stalybridge
1 Yeovil v Dag'ham and R

SCOTTISH PREMIER

2 Airdrie v Aberdeen
1 Dundee Utd v Hibernian
1 Hearts v Dundee
1 Partick v Falkirk
1 Rangers v Motherwell
2 St Johnstone v Celtic

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Ayr v Hamilton
2 Clydebank v Dunf'mline
1 Cowdenb'th v Morton
2 Meadowb'k v Kilmarnock
1 Raith v Dumbarton
1 Stirling v St Mirren

SCOTTISH SECOND

X Arbroath v Berwick
1 Brechin v E Stirling
1 Clyde v Montrose
2 East Fife v Stenh'muir
1 Forfar v Albion
X Q of Sth v Stranraer
X Queen's Pk v Alloa

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Liverpool, Queens Park Rangers, Derby, Preston, Carlisle, Wrexham, York, Macclesfield, Ayr, Arbroath, Queen of the South, Queen's Park.

BEST DRAWS: Liverpool, Queens Park Rangers, Derby, Carlisle, Arbroath.

AWAYS: Everton, Chelsea, Portsmouth, West Brom, Port Vale.

HOMES: Aston Villa, Notts County, Bradford City, Burnley, Swansea, Shrewsbury, Walsall, Kettering, Hearts, Rangers, Cowdenbeath, Raith.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Aston Villa, Swansea, Shrewsbury, Hearts, Raith. Aways: Portsmouth, West Brom, Kilmarnock. Draws: QPR, Derby, Carlisle.

Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Premier League

Ipswich v Chelsea (7.45)
Middlesbrough v Arsenal (7.45)
Sheffield United v Leeds (7.45)

Barclays League

First division

Birmingham v Derby (8.0)
Brentford v Sunderland (7.45)
Bristol City v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
Cambridge Utd v Notts County (7.45)
Charlton v Watford (7.45)
Grimsby v Millwall (7.45)
Portsmouth v Peterborough (7.45)
Tranmere v Swindon

Second division

Blackpool v Wigan
Bolton v Stockport
Bournemouth v Bradford
Exeter v Hull
Leyton Orient v Burnley (7.45)
Port Vale v Preston (7.45)
Rotherham v Fulham

Third division

Cardiff v Doncaster
Chesterfield v York
Crewe v Carlisle
Darlington v Walsall
Gillingham v Shrewsbury (7.45)
Hereford v Scunthorpe
Northampton v Bury
Rochdale v Barnet
Scarborough v Wrexham
Torquay v Colchester

GM Vauxhall Conference

Bath v Telford
Bromsgrove v Gateshead
Dagenham R v Merthyr
Northwich v Stafford
Stalybridge v Farnborough
Wycombe v Woking

Scottish League

Premier division

Celtic v Airdrie
Hibernian v St Johnstone

POSTPONED: Hearts v Aberdeen.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Hayes; Hendon v Carshalton; Kingstonian v Grays; Yeading v Marlow

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley v Barrow; Marine v Emley; Matlock v Buxton. Challenge Cup: Gretna v Warrington Town. First division: Radcliffe Borough v Knowsley. First division Cup: Semi-final: First leg: Bridlington v St Harwood.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: G & W Engineering Cup: Thackley v Denaby. Premier division: Glasshoughton Wel v Harrogate Ra; Ossett Town v Pickering.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Darwen; Bamber Bridge v Skelmersdale, Prescot v Nantwich.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v VS Rugby. Midland division: Bilston v Bedworth, Forest Green v Sutton Coldfield; Leicester v Gresley Rovers; Nuneaton Borough v Weston-Super-Mare; RC Warwick v Bridgnorth; Tamworth v King's Lynn. Southern division: Ashford v Buckingham; Fisher v Salisbury; Newport IoW v Sudbury

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Harwich and Parkeston v Histon; Haverhill v Gorleston; Lowestoft v Brantham; Wisbech v Norwich; Wroxham v Newmarket. Halstead v Brightlingsea.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnoutn v Torrington

BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: Final: First leg: Stourbridge v Dover (7.45).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Haverfordwest v Briton Ferry League cup: Semi-final: Afan Lido v Maesteg Park; Newtown v Caersws

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Coventry v West Brom (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: West Ham v Norwich (2.0); Wimbledon v Southampton. Second division: Yeovil v Birmingham (7.45).

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Manchester United v Millwall

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League

First division

Swansea v Newport (7.0)

Club matches

Lydney v Clifton (7.0)
Northampton v Met Police

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

GONZO
(b) Of or being a type of committed, subjective journalism characterised by factual distortion and exaggerated rhetorical style, bizarre, crazy, far-fetched, 1971-, probably from Italian *gonzo* fool(ish) (perhaps from Italian *Borgonzone* Burgundian) or Spanish *ganso* goose, fool: *New Yorker*, 1974: "He has a small, weird triumph with his gonzo psycho docudrama."

NOOKY
(c) Also spelled *nookie*, sexual intercourse, 1926-, perhaps from *nook* noun, secluded corner, + -y: D. West, 1960: "Still nooky was nooky he told himself, and who cares what the woman was like if the lay was good."

POGUE
(b) A bag or purse, a wallet, also, money, 1812-, perhaps related to *pough*, and old word for bag, cf. also *poke* as noun: M. Crichton, 1975: "It was the stickman's job to take the pogue once Teddy had snaffled it, thus leaving Teddy clean, should a constable stop him."

PLURRY
(c) Adjective in Oz and New Zealand = *bloody* adjective, cf. *blerry* the South African adaptation of *bloody*, a Maori alteration of *bloody*, 1900-: R. D. Finlayson: "It's right for Pakehas to spout about Maori art but it won't help me to get manure for my plurry cow farm."

Solution: black gets pinned all over the place after 1 Qe4!, to which there is no reasonable reply.

Bad blood still taints spirit of Welsh rugby



Gerald Davies wonders what has been achieved by Sunday's no-confidence vote in committee

AFTER Sunday's vote of no confidence in its general committee, the Welsh Rugby Union's constitution remains in place, but it can hardly be executed in any proper sense. While the constitution provides for a vote of no confidence in a single member, for which a by-election would be called for his replacement, there is no provision for the disbandment of the whole committee.

The special meeting in Port Talbot entrusted the continuation of the union's business to the hands of the two trustees, Hermas Evans, a life member, and Graham Tregidon, the president. They will be assisted by the paid employees. The trustees can co-opt others to join them if they wish, but they will not necessarily include the honorary treasurer, Glanmor Griffiths, who, after resigning last December, was reappointed at Sunday's meeting. Before his resignation he was one of the trustees.

For such unprecedented circumstances the constitution can provide only a guideline. Since it is so close to the end of the year, the trustees will forgo the by-elections for representatives that constitutionally ought to take place and will conduct, instead, the full district and national representatives elections in May. Those elected will then be able to take office immediately following the annual general meeting in June. After watching the carnage that has been wrought of Welsh rugby administration, a committee of two, the cynic might suggest, sounds just about right.

Evans and Tregidon will need to supervise the conduct of the various sub-committees, some of which are more urgent than others. Whether the current chairmen will wish to continue their roles on these committees is what the two trustees were attempting to solve yesterday. Whereas the referees and coaching panels can be run by the paid officials, will David Johnson and John Powell, both former members of the general committee, wish to remain as chairmen of the disciplinary and the league management committees respectively? Who will represent Wales at this month's international board meeting in Edinburgh?

Those who felt that Sunday was a good day for Welsh rugby will have to suffer many a bleak day before the matter is resolved satisfactorily. The clubs may have exercised their muscle, but those who are picking up the pieces are left with a stench of bad blood.

There is every likelihood that, apart from those who have become disillusioned with the recent rigmarole and will not put forward their names again, the same representatives in whom a vote of no confidence was passed, are likely to be returned. This may appear an oddity but no more, probably, than would occur if a vote of no confidence were passed in the government of the day. The members would put themselves up for re-election and could be returned to the House of Commons. The difference is that in Welsh rugby exactly the same people who voted them out on Sunday could vote them back in as their representatives. It is at that moment that the seriousness of Sunday's resolution will be tested. In other words, will any new members come forward for election?

If not, the clubs will have to ask themselves how, since the circumstances and the personnel will not have changed, they expect the general committee to perform any differently? What will have been achieved? Furthermore, how can they expect the strife and bitterness suddenly to be transformed into sweetness and light?

Barbarians become Swansea's priority

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE a fixture schedule that gives them a cup quarter-final and three league matches in 15 days, Swansea intend to field as competitive a side as possible in their traditional Easter Monday game with the Barbarians.

The Barbarians announced yesterday as illustrious a tour party for the Easter games with Cardiff and Swansea as any of recent years, which would augur well for the continuation of the Welsh tour were it not that next season Easter Saturday in Wales will again be a league Saturday. Special provision will have to be made if Cardiff's traditional date with the Barbarians is to continue.

A year ago, Swansea were criticised for fielding a below-strength team which lost to the Barbarians 55-12. Then, however, Swansea were in pursuit of a league and cup double and trying to live down their reputation of always being the bridesmaid when major honours were at stake. Having won the Heineken League, that is no longer a problem.

"We will put out a side next Monday that, injuries permitting, will be a strong, competitive team," Roger Blyth, the chairman of selectors, said. "We met the Barbarians at the end of last year to discuss the problems league rugby has posed for the fixture — and they have had difficulties fielding top quality teams on occasions — and we know we have to adjust to changing times."

The Barbarians have named five Frenchmen in their party, including Jean-Francois Tordo, the captain of the five nations' champions. Gareth Rees, the Canadian stand-off half, and Fabio Gomez, the Argentinian scrum-half now playing for Milan, will join Troy Coker, the Australian No. 8, in the squad.

Andy Robinson, who will also play for the Barbarians, is to step down as Bath captain after a season which, providing they beat Saracens on April 24, will see them retain the league title.

BARBARIANS SQUAD: Full backs: J-B Lafond (Begles and France), G Rees (Oak Bay Castaways, and Canada). Wings: A Moore (Edinburgh Acads and Scotland), J Sleightholme (Wakefield). A Swift (Bath and England), I Tukalo (Selkirk and Scotland). Centres: J Guscott (Bath and England), S Potter (Leicester), R Simms (Liverpool St Helens and England), F Mesnel (Racing and France). Stand-off halves: N Malone (London Irish and Ireland), C Glasgow (Harlequins and Scotland). Scrum-halves: F Gomez (Amatori, Milan and Argentina), R Howley (Bridgend). Props: J Davies (Neath and Wales), M Linnett (Moseley and England), J Probyn (Wasps and England), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police and Wales). Hookers: N Meek (Pontypool and Wales), J Tordo (Nice and France). Locks: L Adamson (Saracens), T Coker (Harlequins and Australia), S Lloyd (Moseley), A Reed (Bath and Scotland). Back row: K Leahy (Wanderers and Ireland), D Mckiver (Edinburgh Acads and Scotland), M Cécillon (Bourgoin and France), L Cabannes (Racing and France), A Robinson (Bath and England).



Taste of success: Great Britain's unexpected success in Eindhoven and their promotion to pool A of the world ice hockey championships led to euphoric scenes after their win over China on Sunday (Norman de Mesquita writes). Rick Fera, left, and Tim Cranston tested their gold medals after completing a clean sweep. Cranston described scoring the winning goal in the crucial game against Holland as the most memorable moment of his life. Fera was named best British forward in the competition and Scott Morrison was the leading goalscorer in the tournament. Cranston and Morrison were among ten Canadian-born players in the squad. Those who criticised the selection of such players by the coach, Alex Dampier, feared that they might not have as much dedication as their British-born colleagues. In the event, none could have been more dedicated than Cranston. Although he did not figure among the leading scorers, Doug McEwen was by far the most consistent player in the squad. While Stephen Cooper, Durham born and now a stalwart of the Cardiff Devils, was named best defenceman in the competition, he would be the first to admit that his Canadian-born colleagues played a significant role in the team's success.

Doherty puts mind on job at hand

BY PHIL YATES

KEN Doherty, the only top player not qualified for this month's world championship, beat James Wattana 5-2 in the fourth round of the £150,000 Sky Sports International Open at the Plymouth Pavilion yesterday.

Without having to worry about his preparation for the world championship, which begins on April 17, Doherty is more relaxed than most of his rivals. That was clear from the way he outplayed Wattana in the first four frames.

Doherty, who failed to qualify for the final phase of the world championship when he was beaten by Shaun Mellish, the world No. 120, quickly built a 4-0 lead with breaks of 40, 55, 58, 45 and 60.

Wattana won the next two frames and was presented with the initial opportunity in the seventh. However, after deftly potting a red to a middle pocket the Thai suffered an expensive in-off, from which Doherty compiled a telling 50 break.

"I've got to consider this as my own personal world championship, so in that respect I may have a bit of an advantage over my rivals," Doherty said.

Steve Davis, the six-times world champion, recorded a slightly flattering 5-0 victory over Dene O'Kane, of New Zealand. Davis struggled with a succession of "kicks" on the cue ball in the early stages yet still led 3-0. His touch, and the conditions, improved considerably in the last two frames as he finished with breaks of 42, 79 and 64.

RESULTS: Fourth round: S Davis (Eng) bt D O'Kane (NZ), 5-0; S Francisco (SA) bt W Thorne (Eng), 5-3; K Doherty (Ire) bt J Wattana (Thai), 5-2; T Griffiths (Wales) bt A Knowles (Eng), 5-2.

West Indians revert to type

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

THE Pakistanis began a three-day match against the West Indies Board President's XI yesterday, the atmosphere and the type of cricket played being a great deal more staid than for the last of the one-day internationals on the same ground last Saturday. By lunchtime, the Pakistanis, having chosen to bat, were 81 for no wicket, scored off 24 overs.

On the president, the great Clyde Walcott's behalf, the home selectors have chosen what could be seen as the West Indies 2nd XI. Four strapping athletes ran long distances, were difficult to tell apart, bowled more bouncers than would be seen in a series of 20 one-day internationals and far too many no-balls. Anderson Cummins is Durham's replacement for the discarded Australian, Dean Jones; Kenneth Benjamin spent the winter in Australia with the senior West Indies side; Barrington Browne has recently helped Guyana to a surprise victory in the Red Stripe Cup, and Otis Gibson is the new Barbadian fast bowling hope. The only wicket they took in the first two hours was Shakeel Ahmed's, ballooning a mis-timed hook to the wicketkeeper.

It was a typical piece of attritional West Indian cricket, wholly lacking in imagination but not in effort. As a token, Chanderpaul was brought on for one over of wrist spin just before lunch.

PAKISTAN: First Innings*

*Ramiz Raja not out	42
Shakeel Ahmed c Jacobs b Cummins	4
Asif Mujtaba not out	22
Extras (lb 2, nb 11)	13
Total (1 wkt) 81	

FALL OF WICKET: 1-18

Inzamam-ul-Haq, Basit Ali, Zahid Fazal, Moin Khan, Aamir Nazir, Aqib Javed, Ata-ur-Rehman and Nadeem Khan to bat.

WEST INDIES BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: *K L T Arthurton, D A Joseph, S C Williams, J C Adams, S Chanderpaul, R I C Holder, † R D Jacobs, B Browne, K C G Benjamin, A C Cummins, Q D Gibson.

Now a few last thoughts on the one-day series that had such a remarkable finish here. It benefited from being played in white clothes and with a proper cricket ball, rather than in pyjamas as was the last World Cup. The grounds were full to bursting, attendance records being set at Sabina Park (18,000), Queen's Park Oval (28,000 on successive days), Arnos Vale in St Vincent (12,000) and the Bourda Oval (16,000), although the figures are estimated.

The West Indians were naturally disappointed to be deprived of the one-day series by the referee's ruling to call the final game, and therefore the whole series, a tie, but they must have seen the reasonableness of it. When Raman Subba Row told the team managers, there was a pause for appraisal, followed by handshakes all round.

April

14-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Derbyshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Durham

17-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Yorkshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Lancashire

20-OTHER MATCH (four days)
The Oval: Surrey II v England Under-19 XI

21-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Kent
The Parks: Oxford University v Glamorgan

22-TETLEY BITTER SHIELD (four days)
Chelmsford: Essex v England A

24-UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day)
Fenner's: Combined Universities v Middlesex

25-UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day)
Fenner's: Combined Universities v Northamptonshire

27-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Preliminary round
Hartlepool: Durham v Minor Counties
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Combined Universities
Canterbury: Kent v Glamorgan
Forfar: Scotland v Essex

29-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
*Cardiff: Glamorgan v Sussex
*Bristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
*Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset
*Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
*Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
*Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire
OTHER MATCH (four days)
*Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire

30-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Radlett: England Amateur XI v Australians

May

1-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Essex

2-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Arundel: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v Australians

3-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Lord's: Middlesex v Australians

5-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Worcester: Worcestershire v Australians
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Glamorgan
The Parks: Oxford University v Hampshire

6-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham
Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire

8-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Taunton: Somerset v Australians

9-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham
Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Surrey
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire

11-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
First round
Stockton-on-Tees or Jesmond: Durham or Minor Counties v Hampshire or Combined Universities
Bristol or Derby: Gloucestershire or Derbyshire v Middlesex
Canterbury or Cardiff: Kent or Glamorgan v Sussex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Scotland or Essex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

13-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Hove: Sussex v Australians
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
Bradford: Yorkshire v Worcestershire

15-UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Leicestershire
The Parks: Oxford University v Northamptonshire

16-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Glamorgan
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Nottinghamshire
Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire
The Oval: Surrey v Essex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Worcestershire
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Australians

19-TEXACO TROPHY
OLD TRAFFORD: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA (first one-day international)
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
Fenner's: Cambridge University v Lancashire
The Parks: Oxford University v Middlesex

20-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chelmsford: Essex v Derbyshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Durham
Southampton: Hampshire v Yorkshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent
Horsham: Sussex v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset

21-TEXACO TROPHY
EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA (second one-day international)

23-TEXACO TROPHY
LORD'S: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA (third one-day international)
AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chelmsford: Essex v Derbyshire
Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Durham
Southampton: Hampshire v Yorkshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Kent
Horsham: Sussex v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Somerset

25-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
Quarter-finals
TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
The Oval or Headingley: Surrey or Yorkshire v Australians

27-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Hampshire
Darlington: Durham v Kent
Gloucester (King's School): Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
Liverpool: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan

28-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Leicester: Leicestershire v Australians
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

30-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Checkley: Derbyshire v Hampshire
Darlington: Durham v Kent
Gloucester (King's School): Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire
The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan
Hove: Sussex v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire

12-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Bristol: Gloucestershire v Australians
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (three days)
*Fenner's: Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire
The Parks: Oxford University v Warwickshire
OTHER MATCH (three days)
Eglinton: Ireland v Scotland

13-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire
Gateshead Fell: Durham v Middlesex
Basingstoke: Hampshire v Kent
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Glamorgan
Hove: Sussex v Northamptonshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Leicestershire

17-SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*LORD'S: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Colwyn Bay: Glamorgan v Durham
Canterbury: Kent v Derbyshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex
Bath: Somerset v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

18-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Worcester: Worcestershire v Oxford University

20-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Colwyn Bay: Glamorgan v Durham
Canterbury: Kent v Derbyshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Sussex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Essex
Bath: Somerset v Middlesex
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Surrey
Sheffield: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

22-NATWEST TROPHY, first round
Marlow: Buckinghamshire v Leicestershire
Warrington: Cheshire v Nottinghamshire
Exmouth: Devon v Derbyshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Oxfordshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hertfordshire
Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex
Lakenham: Norfolk v Warwickshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Lancashire
Edinburgh (Myreside): Scotland v Worcestershire
Telford (St Georges): Shropshire v Somerset
Stone: Staffordshire v Hampshire
Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk v Essex
The Oval: Surrey v Dorset
Hove: Sussex v Minor Counties Wales
Trowbridge: Wiltshire v Durham
Headingley: Yorkshire v Ireland

23-TOUR MATCH (three days)
The Parks: Oxford and Cambridge Universities v Australians

24-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Worcestershire
Ilford: Essex v Warwickshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Luton: Northamptonshire v Somerset
Headingley: Yorkshire v Kent

28-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Southampton: Hampshire v Australians
UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
*Hove: Sussex v Cambridge University

27-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire
Stockton-on-Tees: Durham v Worcestershire
Ilford: Essex v Warwickshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey
Luton: Northamptonshire v Somerset
Headingley: Yorkshire v Kent

30-UNIVERSITY MATCH (three days)
Lord's: Oxford v Cambridge

July

1-THIRD CORNHILL TEST MATCH
TRENT BRIDGE: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Maidstone: Kent v Essex
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex
The Oval: Surrey v Durham
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Derbyshire

4-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Lancashire
Maidstone: Kent v Essex
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire
Taunton: Somerset v Sussex
The Oval: Surrey v Durham
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Derbyshire

7-NATWEST TROPHY, second round
Marlow or Leicester: Buckinghamshire or Leicestershire v Surrey or Dorset
Warrington or Trent Bridge: Cheshire or Nottinghamshire v Shropshire or Somerset
Cardiff or Oxford: Glamorgan or Oxfordshire v Wiltshire or Durham
Bristol or Hitchin: Gloucestershire or Hertfordshire v Yorkshire or Ireland
Lakenham or Edgbaston: Norfolk or Warwickshire v Kent or Middlesex
Glasgow or Worcester: Scotland or Worcestershire v Devon or Derbyshire
Bury St Edmunds or Chelmsford: Suffolk or Essex v Northamptonshire or Lancashire
Hove or Colwyn Bay: Sussex or Minor Counties Wales v Staffordshire or Hampshire

8-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Stone: Minor Counties v Australians

10-BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
LORD'S: FINAL
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Dublin (Clontarf): Ireland v Australians

11-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Llanelli: Glamorgan v Sussex
Moreton-in-Marsh: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
Southampton: Hampshire v Somerset
Leicester: Leicestershire v Surrey
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

12-TILCON TROPHY
Harrogate (three days)

13-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Derby: Derbyshire v Australians
FESTIVAL MATCH (one day)
Jesmond: England XI v Rest of the World XI

14-FESTIVAL MATCH (one day)
Jesmond: England XI v Rest of the World XI
SEEBOARD TROPHY (one day)
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey

15-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Southend: Essex v Leicestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Worcestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
Guildford: Surrey v Gloucestershire
Arundel: Sussex v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex
Harrogate: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

17-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Durham University: Durham v Australians

18-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Southend: Essex v Leicestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Worcestershire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
Guildford: Surrey v Gloucestershire
Hove: Sussex v Kent
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Middlesex
Headingley: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

22-FOURTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*HEADINGLEY: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Sussex
Chelmsford: Essex v Durham
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Hampshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey
Taunton: Somerset v Kent
Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan

25-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Sussex
Chelmsford: Essex v Durham
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Hampshire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Surrey
Taunton: Somerset v Kent
Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan

27-NATWEST TROPHY
Quarter-finals

28-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Northampton or Old Trafford: Northamptonshire or Lancashire v Australians

29-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Durham University: Durham v Sussex
Chelmsford: Essex v Worcestershire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Warwickshire
Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire
The Oval: Surrey v Nottinghamshire

31-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Neath: Glamorgan v Australians

August

1-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Durham University: Durham v Sussex
Chelmsford: Essex v Worcestershire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Warwickshire
Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire
The Oval: Surrey v Nottinghamshire

4-SEEBOARD TROPHY (one day)
Hove: Sussex v Kent or Surrey

5-FIFTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*EDGBASTON: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Durham University: Durham v Derbyshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Lord's: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Worcestershire
OTHER MATCH (one day)
Leicester: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19
7-OTHER MATCH (one day)
Chelmsford: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19
8-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Durham University: Durham v Derbyshire
Neath: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Lancashire
Canterbury: Kent v Surrey
Lord's: Middlesex v Leicestershire
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Durham
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Worcestershire
10-NATWEST TROPHY
Semi-finals
11-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
Canterbury: Kent v Australians
12-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Somerset
Southampton: Hampshire v Lancashire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Durham
Eastbourne: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Middlesex
OTHER MATCH (four days)
Trent Bridge: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19 (first youth Test)
14-TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE (three days)
*Chelmsford: Essex v Australians
15-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Somerset
Southampton: Hampshire v Lancashire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Glamorgan
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Durham
Eastbourne: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Middlesex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Surrey
19-SIXTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH
*THE OVAL: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Surrey
Darlington: Durham v Warwickshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Hampshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Kent
22-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Surrey
Darlington: Durham v Warwickshire
Swansea: Glamorgan v Hampshire
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Essex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire
Lord's: Middlesex v Northamptonshire
Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Leicestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Kent
26-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Colchester: Essex v Middlesex
Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Sussex
Lytham: Lancashire v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Durham
OTHER MATCH (four days)
Hove: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19 (second youth Test)
27-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Hastingden: League Cricket Conference v Zimbabweans
29-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Colchester: Essex v Middlesex
Ebbw Vale: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire
Portsmouth: Hampshire v Sussex
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Kent
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire
The Oval: Surrey v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Worcestershire
Headingley: Yorkshire v Durham
30-McCAIN CHALLENGE (one day)
Scarborough: President's XI v Zimbabweans
31-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Nottinghamshire
Canterbury: Kent v Northamptonshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Hampshire
Hove: Sussex v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Lancashire

September

1-TESCO INTERNATIONAL MATCH (three days)
Scarborough: President's XI v Zimbabweans
4-NATWEST TROPHY
LORD'S: FINAL
NORTHERN ELECTRIC TROPHY (one day)
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Durham
5-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Chester-le-Street: Durham v Nottinghamshire
Canterbury: Kent v Northamptonshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire
The Oval: Surrey v Hampshire
Hove: Sussex v Essex
Worcester: Worcestershire v Lancashire
TOUR MATCH (one day)
Brecon (Christ College): Glamorgan v Zimbabweans
6-JOSHUA TETLEY FESTIVAL TROPHY
Scarborough (three days)
7-TOUR MATCH (one day)
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Zimbabweans
8-TOUR MATCH (three days)
The Oval: Surrey v Zimbabweans
9-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Essex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Leicestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Sussex
10-OTHER MATCH (four days)
Old Trafford: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19 (third youth Test)
11-TOUR MATCH (three days)
*Canterbury: Kent v Zimbabweans
12-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Derby: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
Cardiff: Glamorgan v Essex
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire
Southampton: Hampshire v Leicestershire
Lord's: Middlesex v Lancashire
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset
Scarborough: Yorkshire v Sussex
16-BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Hartlepool: Durham v Somerset
Chelmsford: Essex v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex
19-AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE
Hartlepool: Durham v Somerset
Chelmsford: Essex v Hampshire
Canterbury: Kent v Glamorgan
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Northamptonshire
Leicester: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire
Hove: Sussex v Gloucestershire
Worcester: Worcestershire v Middlesex
* denotes Sunday play

Other matches at Lord's

May 5: MCC v MCC Young Cricketers
June 23: MCC v Melbourne CC
June 29: Eton v Harrow
July 12: MCC v MCC Schools
July 14: MCC Schools v NAYC
July 15: NCA Young Cricketers v Combined Services
Aug 1: Women's World Cup final
Aug 15-16: MCC v Ireland
Aug 23: Minor Counties knockout final
Aug 27: Abbot Ale club championship final
Aug 29: Rothmans village championship final

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Past masters of the blame game

Simon Barnes on why the establishment will escape censure for Aintree howler



IAN STEWART

If the hat fits: Keith Brown clasping his famous red flag

It was more than a symbol of British racing. It was a perfect vignette of British life: a man in a bowler hat impotently waves a red flag as the modern world passes him by at breakneck speed, and then blames the catastrophe that follows on a £28-a-day casual worker.

The men in the bowler hats can wave their red flags with all their might, but the world has never once ceased to revolve. The second world war really did take place, and the times they have a-changed and a-changed. The Grand National is no longer a cosy parochial affair: it has a worldwide audience of 150 million and a betting turnover estimated this year at £75 million — but still the crucial role was played by a 28-quid-a-day man and a bowler-hatted chap with the red flag. Captain Keith Brown has effortlessly managed his ration of 15 minutes of fame.

This whole Aintree business is a classic of non-communication. The oligarchy that used to run Britain, and which now instead runs British racing, has always been better at secrecy than communication. And so we had 30 horses charging hell for leather round the most dangerous racecourse in the country, the entire racing establishment absolutely desperate for them to stop, and no one knew how. There was simply no machinery for it. Unbelievable. Hilarious.

The establishment will say that this was a freak, a once-in-a-lifetime failure. But this is the third time such a foul-up has occurred this season; similar things happened at both Wolverhampton and Haydock: "On each occasion no one knew what was going on. It was very bad," said the champion jockey, Peter Scudamore.

At Haydock, horses completed four miles while taking part in a two and a half mile hurdle race. The race was ultimately declared legal. At Wolverhampton, the horses all missed a fence that had been dolled off. Then they all pulled up, went back, jumped the fence and raced on. It was later decided that they shouldn't have jumped it after all, and the race was declared void. No one can say there weren't enough warnings.

It was, I suppose, quite fitting that the greatest and most glorious of foul-ups was reserved for the greatest and most glorious of occasions. This unforgettable Grand National gave us a foul-up on the epic scale: this was foul-up in apotheosis: this was the foul-up foul-uporum.

The Jockey Club will now hold an enquiry, and will no doubt find some one to blame. If they don't place the whole blame on the shoulders of the 28-quidder, they will no doubt get the animal rights demonstrators to shoulder a piece of it. After all, they make an even softer target than 28-quid Charlie.

I doubt if they will blame the starter, who was, no doubt, only doing his duty. There will be many other things to blame: the pathetic mechanism of the starting gate, the over-eager jockeys always so anxious to make a fast start (anyone would think this was a race or something), the appalling weather, the noise of the crowd (anyone would think this was a spectator sport).

What they will not do is blame the racing establishment, i.e. themselves. Let us take a formline back from Aintree, through the various nonsenses at Haydock and Wolverhampton. Following the line, we find the Aga Khan taking his entire string away from this country after his Oaks winner was disqualified. We also find a zero record in the catching of dopers. We see that racing has refused to have anything to do with Satellite Information Services (SIS) and the beaming of pictures into betting shops, thereby losing millions. In racing, one foul-up doth tread upon another's heels.

The racing establishment bears in fossilised form all the arrogance and pomposity that Britain's ruling classes possessed at the zenith of Empire: and with it, a tight corps on the periphery of the establishment schooled to that self-serving mindlessness that has always been called duty.

This was the mental climate that led to horrors we can barely now comprehend when we look back at the first world war. Now, at the Grand National, with a sport rather than a nation to guide, the establishment provides us with no horrors but an afternoon of thigh-slapping, belly-busting farce. One could almost believe in progress.

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Ayr denied

AYR'S request to reopen the £50,000 Stakis Scottish National was rejected by the Jockey Club yesterday on grounds of technical and legal difficulties. Ayr wanted the race to be reopened to offer a valuable consolation for horses involved in the void Martell Grand Nation at Aintree.

Jockey Club hands over reins

THE Jockey Club yesterday gave its formal blessing to the British Horseracing Board (BHB).

Amendments to the royal charter permitting the founding of a new governing body were approved at a meeting of Jockey Club members. The changes are subject to the approval of the Privy Council.

The senior steward, Lord Hartington, said: "This is an historic step forward for racing, and it really does give the industry every opportunity to put itself on a much surer footing — both from a financial and a political point of view."

On the classic front, Zafonic, champion European two-year-old last season, faces a simple task on his comeback at Maisons-Laffitte tomorrow.

The short-priced 2,000 Guineas favourite is set to face just three rivals in the Prix Djebel and one of those is his pacemaker.

Zafonic was unbeaten in four races last year, signing off with a scintillating Dewhurst Stakes victory. His reputation has scared off many rivals and the only survivors at yesterday's acceptance stage were Kashani, Astair and Kingmambo.

Pat Eddery will partner Zafonic, trained by Andre Fabre, provided he has recovered from the bout of 'flu which kept him away from Longchamp on Sunday. Zafonic's pacemaker Kashani is to be ridden by Thierry Jarnet.

Francois Boutin's Kingmambo, beaten three lengths when second to Zafonic in the group one Prix de Salamandre at Longchamp in September, will be partnered by Cash Asmussen. Astair, trained by Alain de Royer-Dupre, is to be ridden by William Mongil.

Boutin's group winner Wixon reappears in the Prix Impudence for fillies. Her four rivals are Elizabeth Bay, Miss Elodie, Lencloitre and Love For Ever.

□ Rowlandsons Jewels was pulled up before the seventeenth fence in the Martell Grand National on Saturday, and did not fall as was previously reported.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LEIF THE LUCKY (3.40 Pontefract)
Next best: Lupescu (4.10 Pontefract)

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.40 White Muzzle. 3.10 Clanrock. 3.40 Leif The Lucky. 4.10 Young Buster. 4.40 Avro Anson. 5.10 Taalif. 5.40 PENNY HASSETT (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.10 Young Buster.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.40 PENNY HASSET.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.40 BEAST FAIR MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,406: 1m 2f 6yd) (12 runners)

1 (12) 2645-02 ARC BRIGHT 1 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 K Darley 83
2 (7) 32- BLUE GROTTO 174 (V) (J Allbritton) J Watts 9-0 G Duffield 92
3 (2) 04- DUPLICATE 284 (G Leatham) M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 60
4 (4) FARANDOLE (Shaikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 9-0 M Roberts –
5 (10) 54- LEAGUE LEADER 175 (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 9-0 Dean McKeown 93
6 (11) 6- LIJAAM 150 (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 W R Swinburn 88
7 (5) RISING WOLF (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-0 R Hills –
8 (6) TEACHER (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 B Raymond –
9 (9) THE BRACKETEER (Nelson Unit Ltd) Mrs S Austin 9-0 D Wilkinson –
10 (1) 33- WHITE MUZZLE 187 (L Gaucci) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid ■
11 (8) CHAMPAGNE 'N ROSES (Mrs A Plesch) Mrs J Cecil 8-9 L Dettori –
12 (3) JAVA QUEEN (P Mellon) I Balding 8-9 M Hills –

BETTING: 7-4 White Muzzle, 7-2 Farandola, 5-1 League Leader, 6-1 Blue Grotto, 10-1 Champagne 'N Roses, 12-1 Lijaam, 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ARC BRIGHT 15l 2nd to Lord Nitrogen in a 3-runner maiden at Southwell yesterday (AW, 1m 4f, standard).
BLUE GROTTO short-head 2nd of 19 to Tomos in a maiden at Redcar (1m, good to soft). LEAGUE LEADER 5l 4th of 18 to Dyab in a maiden at Leicester (1m, good to soft). LIJAAM 3l 6th of 18 to Azilian in a maiden at Doncaster (7f, good).
WHITE MUZZLE 2¼l 3rd of 12 to Barathea in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good).
FARANDOLE is a half-brother, by Shareef Dancer, to group-placed 5f juvenile winner Faraway Grey. RISING WOLF is a half-brother, by Shirley Heights, to useful middle-distance performer Young Buster. Dam juvenile 6f winner.
Selection: WHITE MUZZLE

3.10 BENTLEY MEMORIAL SELLING STAKES (£2,406: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (1) 126400- MURRAY'S MAZDA 169 (D,F) (M Grubb) J Berry 4-9-12 J Carroll 94
2 (10) 02-5656 PESIDANAMICH 5 (B,D,S) (Northern Bloodstock Racing) J Leigh 5-9-12 M Roberts 90
3 (5) 6/6000-0 BOULABAS 7 (G) (Mrs D Roche) J Pearce 4-9-7 M Wigham –
4 (7) /10300 FIABA 29 (G) (Mrs V O'Leary) R O'Leary 5-9-7 K Fallon 97
5 (2) 245550- FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 22J (P Willis) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-7 K Darley –
6 (6) 00-5606 MEESON TIMES 13 (D,F,S) (C Castle) B Ellison 5-9-7 J Lowe 95
7 (11) 064350 NEVENTER 6 (M O'Toole) M Chapman 4-9-7 V Smith 97
8 (8) 6600- LIBERTY GLEN 173J (J Dooler) J Dooler 4-9-2 J Williams –
9 (4) 34520- CLANROCK 173 (D Gill) R Whitaker 3-8-8 A Culhane ■
10 (3) 644253 MUSICAL PHONE 10 (V) (J Rowles) J Leigh 3-8-8 Dean McKeown 99
11 (9) 5036-3 NITEOWLADY 7 (Burntwood Sports Ltd) S Norton 3-8-3 C Teague (7) 86

BETTING: 9-4 Fletcher's Bounty, 3-1 Clanrock, 4-1 Musical Phone, 6-1 Fiaba, 8-1 Meeson Times, 12-1 Neventer, 14-1 others.

1992: TWILIGHT FALLS 7-8-11 N Connorton (5-2 fav) M Camacho 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIABA 9l 3rd of 9 to Round By The River in a claimer at Southwell in February (AW, 1m, standard), with NEVENTER (13lb better off) 10l 6th and FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 4¼l 5th of 15 to Lady President in a maiden at Ballinrobe on penultimate start last season (6f, soft). MEESON TIMES 6l 6th of 14 to Kissavos in a handicap at Lingfield in January (AW, 7f, standard).
NEVENTER 10l 3rd of 9 to Green's Fair in a maiden at Southwell in February (AW, 1m).
CLANROCK 1¾l 2nd of 19 to Rich Midas in a claiming maiden at Goodwood on penultimate start (6f, good to soft).
MUSICAL PHONE 4¾l 3rd of 5 to Quinsigimond in a maiden at Lingfield (AW, 6f, standard).
Selection: MUSICAL PHONE

3.40 LANDBRIDGE SHIPPING HANDICAP (£5,526: 1m 4yd) (13 runners)

1 (2) 43004-4 PAY HOMAGE 31 (D,F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 5-10-0 M Hills 93
2 (8) 062000- JALMUSIQUE 220 (CD,F) (Mrs J Pallister) M H Easterby 7-9-8 M Birch 95
3 (6) 00353-4 RINGLAND 10 (F) (R Moffat) D Moffatt 5-9-5 Darren Moffatt (7) 98
4 (9) 434140- COOL LUKE 176 (S) (B Batey) G Moore 4-9-5 J Fanning 92
5 (5) 20012-0 CHIEF OF STAFF 12 (D,F) (The Exclusive Partnership) J Pearce 4-9-0 M Wigham 98
6 (7) 21100-5 LAUREL QUEEN 10 (D,F,G,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) J Berry 5-8-11 J Carroll 94
7 (11) 30600-0 IMPERIAL BID 10 (F,G) (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 5-8-11 L Charnock 92
8 (4) 001D12- HOB GREEN 165 (BF,F) (Mrs A Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-11 K Fallon 94
9 (10) 04210-0 LEIF THE LUCKY 11 (S) (Mrs B Duxbury) Miss S Hall 4-8-8 N Connorton ■
10 (12) 0240-45 KATY'S LAD 19 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Butler) B McMahon 6-8-2 J Fortune 96
11 (1) 001000- AFFORDABLE 202 (F,G) (Miss M Kalaji) S Norton 5-7-13 Dale Gibson 90
12 (3) 00000-0 HABETA 11 (CD,F,G) (R Bickenson) J Watts 7-7-11 J Lowe 97
13 (13) 353-004 FALCONS DAWN 7 (C,D,F,S) (P Green) A Bailey 6-7-7 D Wright (7) 96

BETTING: 11-4 Hob Green, 4-1 Jalmusique, 11-2 Ringland, 13-2 Imperial Bid, 8-1 Leif The Lucky, 10-1 Pay Homage, 12-1 Affordable, Laurel Queen, 14-1 others.

1992: MOSSY ROSE 6-9-0 J Reid (8-1) Lord Huntingdon 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

PAY HOMAGE 3¼l 4th of 12 to Chatham Island in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m, standard). RINGLAND 3¼l 4th of 24 to High Premium in the Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) with LAUREL QUEEN (3lb better off) 3¼l 5th and IMPERIAL BID 10th. COOL LUKE 3¼l 4th of 13 to Sharpalto in a handicap on penultimate start at Ayr (7f, soft). HOB GREEN 1½l 2nd of 13 to Talenhall in a apprentices' handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). FALCONS DAWN 6¾l 4th of 11 to Westfield Moves in a handicap at Leicester (1m 2l, firm).
Selection: RINGLAND

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
I Balding	7	27	25.9	L Dettori	13	51	25.5
Mrs M Reveley	12	53	22.6	M Roberts	16	69	23.2
G Wragg	6	27	22.2	W R Swinburn	8	37	21.6
M Stoute	3	15	20.0	J Reid	4	19	21.1
M Johnston	8	45	17.8	R Hills	9	49	18.4
H Thomson Jones	3	18	16.7	S Dawson	3	17	17.6

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weights. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 FRYSTON CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,082: 1m 2f 6yd) (6 runners)

1 (3) 0585- BREAK BREAD 220 (D,F,G) (Lord Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-7 J Reid 90
2 (6) 20160-2 YOUNG BUSTER 10 (D,BF,F,G) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 5-9-7 M Hills ■
3 (5) 24/1/13- LUPESCU 133 (D,F,G) (E St George) D Loder 5-8-13 L Dettori 98
4 (2) 11- LYPHANTASTIC 286 (D,F) (Miss S Payson) M Stoute 4-8-12 G Duffield 80
5 (4) 310- AJZEM 225 (S) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-10 W R Swinburn 80
6 (1) 0/5- PHARLY DANCER 305 (A Manucci) W Haigh 4-8-10 Dean McKeown –

BETTING: 15-8 Break Bread, 9-4 Young Buster, 3-1 Lupescu, 8-1 Ajzem, 12-1 Lyphantastic, 25-1 Pharly Dancer.

1992: TORCHON 4-9-0 W R Swinburn (5-6 fav) G Wragg 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BREAK BREAD's best effort came when beating Standiford ½l in the 9-runner group III Prix La Force at Longchamp in May (1m 2f, good to firm). YOUNG BUSTER ¾l 2nd of 3 to Stambo in a conditions race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm). LUPESCU 3l 3rd of 15 to Halesia in the group III Prix Fille de l'Air at Saint-Cloud (1m 2f 110yd, heavy). Previously, beat Fair Average a short head in a 9-runner listed race at Sandown (1m 2f, good). LYPHANTASTIC beat Severine 3½l in a 7-runner handicap at Salisbury in June (1m 4f, hard). AJZEM beat Crystado ¾l in a 4-runner maiden at Beverley (1m 100yd, soft). PHARLY DANCER 8¼l 5th of 11 to Turgenev in a maiden at Haydock (1m 2f 64yd, good to soft).
Selection: LUPESCU

4.40 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,435: 2m 1f 22yd) (12 runners)

1 (5) 42-3 DEDUCE 13 (BF) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 4-9-13 M Hills ■
2 (8) 0/1220-0 CREEAGER 11 (F,G,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 11-9-12 J Williams 88
3 (10) 663366- SHOOFE 45J (D,F,G,S) (A Al Jallen) D Morley 5-9-10 M Roberts 93
4 (2) 0/231- MYSTIC MEMORY 15J (F) (Carnoustie Racing Club) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-6 K Darley 96
5 (3) 00/121-4 AVRO ANSON 11 (G,S) (B Sturton) M Camacho 5-9-5 N Connorton 95
6 (12) 000-005 ADMINISTER 11 (B,G) (T Gibbons) L Codd 5-8-13 G Duffield 95
7 (9) /0505/ STAGE PLAYER 24J (G) (J Mustard) Miss S Wilton 7-8-12 L Dettori –
8 (11) 22415-6 SILLARS STALKER 11 (D,S) (Sillars Engineering) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-11 K Fallon 94
9 (1) 014105- PATROCLUS 283 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (Miss J Newell) R Voorspuy 8-8-10. S Dawson 87
10 (4) 60/0104- TRICYCLE 277 (F) (Duke of Sutherland) J Watts 4-7-10 J Lowe 92
11 (6) 4-24500 LARKADIO 11 (C,F) (R Papworth) M Chapman 6-7-9 A Mackay 92
12 (7) 53/4/6-2 CHANTRY BARTLE 7 (BF,F) (Mrs J Kirk Scott) C Thornton 7-7-9 J Fanning 96

BETTING: 7-2 Avro Anson, 4-1 Deduce, 5-1 Sillars Stalker, 6-1 Chantry Bartle, 8-1 Shoofe, 10-1 Larkadio, Mystic Memory, 14-1 Administer, 16-1 Creeager, 20-1 Tricycle, 25-1 others.

1992: DODGER DICKINS 5-7-7 N Carlisle (10-1) R Hollinshead 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEDUCE 4l 3rd of 13 to Hierarch in a maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f, standard). SHOOFE 10¾l 6th of 20 to John Shaw in a handicap at Nottingham in September (1m 6f 15yd, good, good to soft patches).
MYSTIC MEMORY beat Stingray City ½l in a 5-runner claiming maiden at Redcar (2m, firm). AVRO ANSON around 3l 4th of 16 to Snow Board in a handicap at Doncaster last time out (2m 2f, good to firm), with ADMINISTER (same terms) a head 5th, SILLARS STALKER (1lb better off) 1½l 6th, CREEAGER (1lb better off) 6l 9th and LARKADIO (17lb better off) 15l 14th.
PATROCLUS beat CREEAGER (5lb better off) 1l in a 14-runner handicap, here, in June (2m 1f, good). TRICYCLE beat Iron 1¼l in a 6-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to firm). CHANTRY BARTLE head 2nd of 10 to Grey Power in a handicap at Newcastle last time out (2m, good).
Selection: AVRO ANSON (nap)

5.10 SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £3,348: 6f) (12 runners)

1 (10) ALBERT (G Read) C Thornton 8-11 N Connorton –
2 (6) 2220- BALIANA 164 (Purple Silks) C Booth 8-11 A Culhane ■
3 (7) 0- CROIRE 182 (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 8-11 M Hills –
4 (12) FINAL OAK (P Yood) B McMahon 8-11 J Fortune –
5 (11) 2 HALL BANK COTTAGE 10 (F Le Fleming) M Johnston 8-11 Dean McKeown 86
6 (8) 5 KIMMY'S PRINCESS 6 (Mrs J McAllister) R Boss 8-11 M Roberts 76
7 (1) 404- LAMSONETTI 161 (Mrs K Hall) R Whitaker 8-11 G Parkin (7) 71
8 (4) LIKE THE SUN (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn –
9 (3) PUTOUT (Lord Tavistock) Mrs J Cecil 8-11 L Dettori –
10 (8) TAALIF (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills –
11 (5) 53323- VICTORIA HALL 187 (Laurie Snook) W Turner 8-11 G Duffield 94
12 (2) 6006-05 WELL TRIED 84 (Mrs A Williams) R Hollinshead 8-11 K Darley 76

BETTING: 2-1 Baliana, 9-4 Hall Bank Cottage, 4-1 Like The Sun, 6-1 Victoria Hall, 8-1 Putout, 12-1 others.

1992: THE OLD CHAPEL 9-0 T Quinn (12-1) B McMahon 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALIANA 1½l 2nd of 9 to Aradanza in a conditions race, here, on penultimate start (5f, good to soft). CROIRE 17l 10th of 14 to Sheroyda in a maiden at Leicester (6f, soft). HALL BANK COTTAGE 4l 2nd of 5 to Quinsigimond in a maiden at Lingfield (AW, 6f, standard).
LAMSONETTI 7l 4th of 10 to Logan's Luck in a maiden at Redcar (5f, heavy). VICTORIA HALL 2¼l 3rd of 14 to Tychonic in a maiden over course and distance (firm), with WELL TRIED 12¾l 11th. LIKE THE SUN is a half-sister, by Woodman, to Preakness and Belmont Stakes winner Hansel. PUTOUT is a half-sister, by Dowsing, to high-class sprinter Pole Position. TAALIF is by Last Tycoon out of smart sprinter Imperial Jade.
Selection: BALIANA

5.40 BARBICAN LIMITED STAKES (£2,794: 5f) (5 runners)

1 (4) 03206-4 LANGTONIAN 5 (G) (R Peebles) J Berry 4-9-10 Emma O'Gorman (3) 80
2 (2) 600000- SUPER ROCKY 152 (D,F) (I Bastiman) R Bastiman 4-9-10 H Bastiman (7) 86
3 (3) 50300-1 PENNY HASSET 7 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 5-9-5 T Lucas ■
4 (1) 211124 PINE RIDGE LAD 21 (B,D,F) (R Jenkinson) M Johnston 3-8-12 Dean McKeown 82
5 (5) 56523-1 QUINSIGIMOND 10 (A Mines) M Prescott 3-8-7 G Duffield 91

BETTING: 11-8 Penny Hasset, 2-1 Quinsigimond, 4-1 Pine Ridge Lad, 7-1 Langtonian, 14-1 Super Rocky.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LANGTONIAN around 2l 4th of 9 to Sir Tasker in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 5f, standard). PENNY HASSET beat Eager Deva 1½l in a 7-runner handicap at Newcastle (5f, good).
PINE RIDGE LAD beat Pytchley Dawn a short head in a 7-runner handicap at Southwell in February (AW, 7f).
QUINSIGIMOND beat Hall Bank Cottage 4l in a 5-runner maiden at Lingfield (AW, 6f).
Selection: PENNY HASSET

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Kelso

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1, CASUAL PASS (T Reed, 7-2 fav); 2, Ballyanto (Mr D Parker, 5-1); 3, Cardenden (A Orkney, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bin Lid (4th), 13-2 Dolly Prices, Kharif (5th), 7 Eddie Walshe, 11 Naval Raid, 25 Red Tempest, 33 August (6th), 100 Belly Flame (f). 11 ran. NR: Delpiombo, Seraphim, John Naman. 20l, 1½l, 12l, sh hd, 6l. L Lungo. Tote: £3.70; £1.10, £2.00, £10.70. DF: £10.50. CSF: £17.27. John Naman (6-1) deemed not to have started - rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.

3.00 (3m 1f ch) 1, GUNMETAL BOY (Mr J M Dun, 11-8 fav); 2, Royal Jester (Mr C Storey, 7-1); 3, Jelly Jill (Mr A Parker, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Postman's Knock (su), Juniors Choice (6th), 8 True Fair (f), 16 The Pride of Pokey (5th), 20 Dundyvan, 50 Jordanstown House, Rex Tremenda (4th), 100 Tingle Brook (pu). 11 ran. Hd, 15l, 3½l, ¾l, 10l. Miss Lucinda V Russell at Milnathort. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.80, £3.70. DF: £12.90. CSF: £11.06. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, MR GLEN (J Supple, 8-1); 2, Jam Tomorrow (J Burke, 13-2); 3, Kirkcaldy (P Williams, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav May Run (4th), 3 The Quiet Genius (6th), 4 Fearless King (5th). 6 ran. 1½l, 3½l, hd, 6l, 15l. N Mason at Whitburn. Tote: £6.50; £3.70, £2.90. DF: £14.50. CSF: £48.44.

4.00 (3m 1f ch) 1, ONCE STUNG (Mr J Greenall, 13-8; Private Handicapper's top rating). 2, Crafty Copper (Mr B Leavy, 33-1); 3, Davy Blake (Mr J Dun, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN. 12 Steele Justice (4th), 14 Washalve (ur), 33 Owd Henry (5th). 6 ran. 1l, 15l, 8l, 30l. P Cheesbrough at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £5.50. DF: £18.90. CSF: £30.63.

4.30 (2m 1f ch) 1, MAUDLINS CROSS (P Niven, 9-4 fav); 2, Nohalmdun (L Wyer, 5-2); 3, Vain Prince (G McCourt, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sonsie Mo (4th), 16 Clever Folly (5th), 20 Dubalea (6th). 6 ran. 2½l, sh hd, 10l, 15l, 12l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £4.40. CSF: £7.74

5.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, FLOWING RIVER (B Storey, 4-1); 2, Dizzy (A Dobbin, 2-1 fav); 3, Willie Sparkle (P Williams, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Family Line (5th), 7 Strong Views (4th), 40 Hazel Leaf (6th), 66 Jim's Wish. 7 ran. Nk, 1½l, ¾l, 2l, 12l. R Allan at Cornhill-upon-Tweed. Tote: £4.90; £2.50, £2.20. DF: £5.10. CSF: £12.29.

Placepot: £111.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.15 (6f) 1, Girl Next Door (J O'Reilly, 12-1); 2, Toshiba Comet (9-1); 3, Brisas (5-1). Sally's Son 4-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Lowrianna. ¾l, 2½l. A Hambly. Tote: £7.30; £1.80, £2.90, £2.90. DF: £24.60. CSF: £102.86. Tricast: £556.07.

2.45 (7f) 1, Formaestre (O Pears, 8-1); 2, Mister Blake (Evens fav); 3, Irish Roots (5-2). 5 ran. Hd, 1½l. S Norton. Tote: £6.20; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £3.50. CSF: £16.35.

3.15 (7f) 1, Dune River (M Tebbutt, 7-1); 2, Debsy Do (8-1); 3, Lord Naskra (6-1). Ceplan Mermaide 7-2 fav. 8 ran. Hd, 5l. D Loder. Tote: £11.40; £3.10, £2.80, £2.50. DF: £38.40. CSF: £56.24. Tricast: £326.22

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, Lord Nitrogen (M Hills, 1-2 fav); 2, Arc Bright (2-1); 3, Free Dancer (10-1). 3 ran. NR: Czar's Witness. 15l, 12l. M Bell. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.79

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, Goodbye Millie (O Pears, 4-1); 2, Stapleford Lass (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Rosie's Gold (7-1). Baeza 2-1 jt-fav. 5 ran. 1½l, 1½l. S Norton. Tote: £5.10; £2.70, £1.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £11.94.

4.45 (7f) 1, Cyprian Dancer (T Quinn, 11-2); 2, Saxon Magic (7-1); 3, Sylvan Starlight (5-2). Ocara 5-4 fav. 5 ran. 4l, 1l. P Cole. Tote: £4.50; £3.30, £3.40. DF: £17.40. CSF: £33.62.

5.15 (1m) 1, Certain Way (M Birch, 13-8 fav); 2, Kingston Brown (9-2); 3, Personimus (9-1). 5 ran. 1½l, ½l. C Tinkler. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £8.36 Placepot: £136.20.

Hambly's first

Al Hambly, pilot, jockey, restauranteur and trainer, broke new ground with his first Flat winner at Southwell yesterday.

Hambly, who took out a dual-purpose licence last month, struck with Girl Next Door in the Daffodil Handicap, who held off Toshiba Comet's late run by three-quarters of a length.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.45 Alderbrook. 2.15 Sylvania. 2.45 Clear Look. 3.15 Little Saboteur. 3.45 Bold Resolution. 4.15 *Mister Jolson. 4.45 Phrose.*

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.45 ALDERBROOK (nap). 4.45 Forever Shineing.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.45 SALTWOOD HANDICAP
(£3,365: 1m 1f 149yd) (15 runners)

1 330- USAIDIT 173 T Mills 4-9-13 N Gwilliams (5) 8
2 121- ALDERBROOK 108J (CD,G,S) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-13 Paul Eddery 5
3 0560 NORTH ESK 3 (F) D Wilson 4-9-11 G Carter 12
4 05-5 L'UOMO CLASSICS 46 (F,S) R Rowe 6-9-8 A Clark 6
5 006-0 PARKING BAY 40 (F,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 6-9-5 D Harrison (3) 10
6 450- STRIKING IMAGE 47J (V,F) J Moore 4-9-3 B Rouse 1
7 314- DAZZLING FIRE 189 (G) C C Elsey 4-9-2 W Newnes 3
8 0/4 LOON 10 R O'Sullivan 5-8-11 D Biggs 4
9 00-0 MR ZIEGFELD 10 (B,G) R Baker 4-8-7 A McGlone 15
10 0/6-6 ALMOST A PRINCESS 8 W G M Turner 5-8-6 T Quinn 14
11 210- ANATROCCOLO 199 (F) R Bennett 5-8-1 C Rutter 2
12 205/1 HERE HE COMES 8 (CD,F,G) R Akehurst 7-7-12 (7ex) J Quinn 7
13 250- MASTAMIST 196 (B) R Voorspuy 4-7-10 N Adams 9
14 00-0 LLOYDS DREAM 7 D Shaw 4-7-9 N Carlisle 11
15 5150 SOL ROUGE 8 R Thompson 4-7-8 Nicola Howarth (7) 13

11-4 Here He Comes, 4-1 Alderbrook, 6-1 L'Uomo Classics, 8-1 Striking Image, Dazzling Fire, 12-1 Usaidit, Loon, 14-1 Mr Ziegfeld, 16-1 others.

2.15 PRIVY COUNCILLOR MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,523: 6f 189yd) (11)

1 050- AL MOULOUKI 175 J Payne 9-0 R Cochrane 1
2 0- BAYFAN 186 J Moore 9-0 A McGlone 6
3 00- CAVALIER PRINCE 165 A Jarvis 9-0 S Whitworth 8
4 JUST JAMIE G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery 4
5 MARAT J Jenkins 9-0 T Quinn 7
6 442- NESSUN DORMA 182 G Wragg 9-0 F Norton (3) 10
7 4 SLEEPTITE 10 C Cyzer 9-0 W Newnes 2
8 402- SYLVANIA 181 R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse 9
9 00- TABKIR 175 J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 3
10 JETBEEAH J Fanshawe 8-9 G Carter 11
11 TOCCATELLA B Meehan 8-9 R Perham 5

3-1 Jetbeeah, 7-2 Nessun Dorma, 9-2 Sylvania, 7-1 Al Moulouki, 8-1 Tabkir, 10-1 Just Jamie, 12-1 Cavalier Prince, 14-1 Sleeptite, 20-1 others.

2.45 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,427: 6f) (12)

1 1012 MARK'S CLUB 21 (G) R O'Sullivan 9-7 A Procter (3) 6
2 200- CLEAR LOOK 209 P Cole 9-6 T G McLaughlin (3) 10
3 04-6 FOLLY VISION 10 R Hannon 9-5 D O'Neill (7) 7
4 100- ANOTHER JADE 151 (G) A Jarvis 9-4 L Newton (3) 1
5 000- KENSWORTH LADY 185 M Blanshard 8-9 C Hodgson 12
6 040- TOFF SUNDAE 239 (S) P McEntee 8-7 S Mulvey (5) 3
7 240- BURISHKI 250 (D,G) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-7 J O'Dwyer (5) 4
8 600- DRAGONMIST 198 G Lewis 8-3 B Russell (3) 9
9 4260 ARAWA 8 D Marks 8-3 S McCarthy (5) 11
10 000- SUPERENSIS 210 W Muir 8-1 Kim McDonnell (3) 8
11 00-0 LAID BACK BEN 10 B Palling 8-0 Stephen Davies 2
12 4000 BUCKSKI ECHO 31 T Jones 7-7 D Toole (5) 5

3-1 Folly Vision, 4-1 Another Jade, 5-1 Mark's Club, 6-1 Clear Look, 7-1 Dragonmist, 8-1 Kensworth Lady, 10-1 Toff Sundae, 12-1 others.

3.15 CHATHAM CLAIMING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,243: 5f) (8)

1 000- LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 230 (C,D,F,S) G Lewis 7-9-12 Paul Eddery 6
2 6- AQUADO 230 N Callaghan 4-9-10 W Newnes 8
3 2124 LITTLE SABOTEUR 13 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Makin 4-9-3 W Ryan 4
4 -404 HARRY'S COMING 10 (CD,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-9-2 W Carson 5
5 305- COPPERMILL LAD 188 (D,F,S) L Holt 10-9-12 A Munro 3
6 60-0 CUMBRIAN CAVALIER 88 K Wingrove 4-8-12 Stephen Davies (5) 2
7 0 BLUE POINT 13 N Callaghan 4-8-11 N Carlisle 7
8 432- HEBER SPRING 164 R Hannon 5-8-8 A McGlone 1

9-4 Heber Spring, 3-1 Little Saboteur, 4-1 Letsbeonestaboutit, 6-1 Harry's Coming, 10-1 Coppermill Lad, 14-1 Aquado, 20-1 others.

3.45 GRAVESEND HANDICAP
(£3,209: 1m 7f 92yd) (16)

1 116- BOLD RESOLUTION 158 (C,G,S) C Cyzer 5-10-0 G Carter 2
2 3122 KARAMOJA 13 (S) N Graham 4-9-1 A Munro 14
3 00-4 INTRICACY 19 (G) C C Elsey 5-9-0 D Holland 15
4 /30- HAWKISH 320 D Morley 4-8-9 W Ryan 16
5 2330 EL DOMINIO 33 (G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-8 G Bardwell 3
6 033-3 SCOTONI 24J (BF,F) R O'Sullivan 7-8-6 D Biggs 9
7 5-43 ISLAND BLADE 57 (C,F) R Akehurst 4-8-3 T Quinn 12
8 500- ALICE'S MIRROR 15J T McGovern 4-8-0 J Quinn 10
9 5160 LYPH 10 (B) P Hedger 7-8-0 A Tucker (3) 11
10 06-0 PERFORATE 10 R Baker 4-7-12 A McGlone 7
11 330- THOR POWER 188 D Thom 4-7-9 Kim McDonnell (7) 6
12 000- CORINTHIAN GOD 14J (F,G) D Wilson 4-7-9 Sharon Millard (7) 8
13 0/66 PEACH BRANDY 21 R Voorspuy 4-7-7 N Adams 13
14 /00-0 BURSANA 77 (G) J Spearing 7-7-7 A Garth (5) 1
15 00-0 I'M CURIOUS 25J R Thompson 4-7-7 Nicola Howarth (7) 4
16 000/ DECIDING BID 17J J Long 7-7-7 N Carlisle 5

4-1 El Dominio, 6-1 Bold Resolution, 7-1 Karamoja, 8-1 Scotoni, 10-1 Island Blade, Intricacy, 12-1 Hawkish, Corinthian God, 14-1 Thor Power, 16-1 others.

4.15 GILLINGHAM LIMITED STAKES
(£3,002: 5f) (10)

1 310- CALL TO THE BAR 183 (D,G) M McCormack 4-8-11 A Clark 9
2 400- IRON KING 182 (D,F,G) J Spearing 7-8-11 W Newnes 5
3 1644 MISTER JOLSON 12 (D,BF,F) R Hodges 4-8-11 W Carson 2
4 244- NO QUARTER GIVEN 220 (C,D,F,G,S) P Felgate 8-8-11 W Ryan 7
5 -540 PALACEGATE GOLD 21 (B,F) R Hodges 4-8-11 S Drowne (7) 8
6 6405 RUSHANES 10 (D,S) T Casey 6-8-11 T Quinn 10
7 60-1 TROMING 10 (D,F) A Jones 7-8-11 N Adams 6
8 200- BELTHORN 187 J Bridger 4-8-6 A Munro 3
9 004- LADY SABO 146 (D,F) G Lewis 4-8-6 Paul Eddery 1
10 100- WE'RE ALL GAME 183 (D,S) B Morgan 4-8-6 P Robinson 4

2-1 Mister Jolson, 4-1 No Quarter Given, 5-1 Lady Sabo, 6-1 Iron King, 8-1 Troming, 12-1 We're All Game, 14-1 Rushanes, 16-1 others.

4.45 DARTFORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 4f) (12)

1 00- ITS UNBELIEVABLE 190 J White 9-0 R Price 6
2 4-0 MR LUCIANO 11 A Smith (Bel) 9-0 P Smith 9
3 20-3 PHROSE 5 R Hannon 9-0 W Carson 3
4 330- PONDERING 130 S Dow 9-0 T Quinn 5
5 060- CANDARELA 185 P Howling 8-9 Paul Eddery 4
6 000- DOTTY'S WALKER 196 C Cyzer 8-9 D Biggs 1
7 00- EVE'S TREASURE 152 R Curtis 8-9 G Bardwell 8
8 803- FOREVER SHINEING 168 R Williams 8-9 R Cochrane 2
9 000- MY SISTER LUCY 169 A Jarvis 8-9 S Whitworth 7
10 FRITZY C C Elsey 8-9 W Newnes 12
11 0- ROUSILLA 258 K Ivory 8-9 P Robinson 10
12 000- STARLIGHT ROSE 176 C Horgan 8-9 A McGlone 11

9-4 Phrose, 3-1 Forever Shineing, 4-1 Pondering, 8-1 Candarela, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; P Cole, 13 from 60, 21.7%; J Fanshawe, 3 from 14, 21.4%; N Callaghan, 7 from 34, 20.6%; P Felgate, 3 from 16, 18.8%; C Cyzer, 6 from 34, 17.6%.
JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 31 winners from 140 rides, 22.1%; W Carson, 6 from 30, 20.0%; Paul Eddery, 15 from 92, 16.3%; T Quinn, 21 from 135, 15.6%; R Perham, 4 from 27, 14.8%; N Carlisle, 4 from 27, 14.8%.

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PONTEFRACT: 2.40 Blue Grotto. FOLKESTONE: 1.45 Striking Image. 3.45 Lyph.

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER

2.30 Valseur. 3.00 Stay Awake. 3.30 Carousel Rocket. 4.00 Srivijaya. 4.30 Many A Slip. 5.00 Cambo. 5.30 The Can Can Man.

Brian Beel: 4.30 Many A Slip.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.30 JOHN WADE HAULAGE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,548: 2m 5f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 1000 SHAHMIRAJ 11 (G) V Thompson 5-11-3 A Dobbin (3)
2 4FU0 ANTHONY BELL 10 T Carr 7-11-2 B Storey
3 01 VALSEUR 10 (C,F) L Lungo 4-11-1 F Perratt (7)
4 4PF- MIDNIGHT FLOTILLA 402 Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-11 M Dwyer
5 P/0 MY NEW WAY 48 Mrs V Aconley 9-10-11 C Woodall (7)
6 4 CULTURE SHOCK 27 M Johnston 4-10-4 C Llewellyn
7 PP0F FARAH 14 J Turner 4-10-4 W Fry (7)
8 5566 SEA PET 10 (B) J Berisford 4-10-4 D Barry (7)

7-4 Farah, 7-2 Valseur, 5-1 Sea Pet, 8-1 Shahmiraj, 10-1 Midnight Flotilla, 14-1 Culture Shock, 16-1 Anthony Bell, 20-1 My New Way.

3.00 PIE IN THE SKY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,935: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 0420 SEON 24 (D,F,G,S) W Bentley 7-12-0 N Bentley (3)
2 2262 STAY AWAKE 10 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-8 P Niven
3 0-60 MARLINGFORD 115 (G,S) Mrs J Jordan 6-11-7 M Sharratt
4 1323 THE GREEN FOOL 11 (F,S) V Thompson 6-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
5 3323 FLOWING RIVER 13 (F,G) R Allan 7-10-11 NON-RUNNER
6 0502 BALLYLORD 11 (G,S) J J O'Neill 9-10-9 A Dobbin (3)
7 4303 MR REINER 10 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 5-10-8 D Ryan (7)
8 P041 COSMIC RAY 19 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-10-4 C Woodall (7)

3-1 Seon, 9-2 Ballylord, 5-1 Stay Awake, 11-2 Mr Reiner, 6-1 Cosmic Ray, 7-1 The Great Fool, 10-1 Marlingford.

3.30 REG LAMB MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,758: 3m 3f) (10)

1 1122 PORTONIA 28 (CD,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 J Codd (7)
2 FP02 BOREEN OWEN 10 (CD,G,S) J J O'Neill 9-11-7 A Dobbin (3)
3 1B1F REGAL ESTATE 45 (CD,G,S) R Earnshaw 9-11-4 N Doughty
4 6P55 LAURIE-O 28 (C,F,G,S) R Lamb 9-11-3 A Merrigan
5 1P51 CAROUSEL ROCKET 26 (F,G,S) M Hammond 10-10-12 P Niven
6 442U BARKIN 19 (BF,G,S) G Richards 10-10-6 M Moloney
7 -135 FARNWORTH 19 (G,S) G Moore 10-10-3 N Bentley (3)
8 2223 CHOCTAW 28 (C,F,G,S) P Beaumont 9-10-2 C Hawkins
9 2PPP SUPER FOUNTAIN 32 (S) F Walton 10-10-1 B Storey
10 5040 JUST PRETEND 11 V Thompson 9-10-0 M A Fitzgerald

9-4 Carousel Rocket, 3-1 Portonia, 5-1 Barkin, 11-2 Regal Estate, 6-1 Boreen Owen, 10-1 Choctaw, 20-1 others.

4.00 VAUX BREWERIES SEDGEFIELD CHAMPION NOVICES CHASE (£3,532: 2m 1f) (10)

1 2311 HUTNER 17 (CD,F,G) M Dods 8-12-0 A Merrigan
2 B221 ALGARI 13 (D,F) G Richards 6-11-9 M Moloney
3 331F SRIVIJAYA 24 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-9 P Niven
4 /1B4 TOUGH COOKIE 13 (F) R Allan 8-11-9 B Storey
5 60F0 CARD PARTY 8 N Waggott 8-11-3 Mr S Fitzpatrick (7)
6 0-23 DOWN THE ROAD 32 (BF) J Johnson 6-11-3 T Reed
7 0000 NORTHERN VISION 8 R Lamb 6-11-3 K Johnson
8 4-F5 SILK DEGREES 17 (F,G) W Storey 7-11-3 K Doolan
9 -5FF VEE TEE 19 V Thompson 7-11-3 K Jones
10 U55F DIZZY DEALER 43 Mrs J Jordan 6-10-12 S Taylor (7)

15-8 Srivijaya, 9-4 Algari, 11-4 Down The Road, 10-1 Hutner, 14-1 others.

4.30 STANLEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,576: 3m 3f) (9)

1 00-1 RED UNDER THE BED 42 (CD,F) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-12 S Brisby (7)
2 F2-1 STRAIGHT PILOT 21 (CD,F,S) D Ford 11-11-12 R H Brown (5)
3 0-04 LETHAL WEAPON 15 S Robinson 8-11-7 S Robinson (7)
4 625/ MAJOR ROUGE 1086 (F) Mrs S Herdman 11-11-7 Miss S Laidlaw (7)
5 4-42 MANY A SLIP 32 (F) T Watford 8-11-7 N Wilson (7)
6 -066 SUNDAYSPORT SCOOP 14 (B) Mrs I Hadden 8-11-7 Miss K Taylor (7)
7 30/F WOT PET 32 T Gibson 10-11-7 Mr M Coglan (7)
8 F00P CHARMERS WISH 8 D Smith 9-11-2 N F Smith (7)
9 P-82 LINGHAM MAGIC 8 J Swiers 8-11-2 Mr S Swiers

5-4 Many A Slip, 3-1 Straight Pilot, 8-1 Red Under The Bed, 7-1 Charmers Wish, Lingham Magic, 20-1 others.

5.00 EVENING GAZETTE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,590: 2m 5f 110yd) (13)

1 541 TRONCHETTO 10 (CD,F) J J O'Neill 4-11-10 M Dwyer
2 3P51 CAITHNESS PRINCE 56 (G) C Parker 7-11-9 Mr D Parker (7)
3 5105 RAISEAMILLION 15 (C,F) G Moore 5-11-9 N Bentley (3)
4 0253 SARONA SMITH 42 F Walton 6-11-0 B Storey
5 0622 CAMBO 6 (S) M Banks 7-11-0 D Skyrme
6 5523 ALIAS SILVER 41 (BF) J Curtis 6-10-13 G McCourt
7 4146 REXY BOY 46 (S) W Barker 6-10-11 G Harker
8 665- KERRY TO CLARE 339 T Gibson 7-10-11 A Dobbin (3)
9 212F TOUCH 'N' PASS 10 (CD,BF,F) R O'Leary 5-10-11 L Wyer
10 -P52 HUMMANBY GAP 10 P Beaumont 8-10-7 C Hawkins
11 5406 EXPANSIONIST 21 Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-0 M A Fitzgerald
12 0405 GLENSTAL PRIORY 10 F Gibson 6-10-0 F Perratt (7)
13 P-00 ELIOT 8 N Chamberlain 5-10-0 A Merrigan

4-1 Cambo, 9-2 Tronchetto, 5-1 Hummanby Gap, 6-1 Caithness Prince, 7-1 Touch 'N' Pass, 10-1 Alias Silver, 12-1 Expansionist, Raiseamillion, 14-1 others.

5.30 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,807: 2m 1f 110yd) (17)

1 0016 SHEEP STEALER 15 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-7 M Dwyer
2 4601 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 74 (G,S) M H Easterby 5-11-7 L Wyer
3 PP5 ALAMIR 36 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-0 C Dennis (3)
4 P-0 BROWN AS A BERRY 186 R Gray 5-11-0 M Brennan
5 5000 GLENDRAN 8 S Pittendrigh 6-11-0 Mr S Pittendrigh (7)
6 F660 GRAZEMBER 60 R Earnshaw 6-11-0 N Doughty
7 4000 LARAPINTA 11 J Johnson 5-11-0 A Orkney
8 P604 OLD MORTALITY 38 R Allan 7-11-0 B Storey
9 32 THE CAN CAN MAN 20 M Johnston 6-11-0 C Llewellyn
10 WYCLIFFE 697F N Mason 5-11-0 J Supple (7)
11 00P5 BELIEVE IT 8 N Waggott 4-10-8 A Merrigan
12 405 BORING 13 W Storey 4-10-8 K Doolan
13 0 JUST-GO-AGAIN 11 J Jefferson 4-10-8 R Garritty
14 3 ANY DREAM WOULD DO 136 P Beaumont 4-10-3 C Hawkins
15 P COME OFF IT 11 W Raw 4-10-3 A Dobbin (3)
16 0102 MAKE ME PROUD 8 (V,D,F) W Bentley 4-10-3 N Bentley (3)
17 8000 STAR MOVER 13 P Cheesbrough 4-10-3 G Grant

3-1 Toogood To Be True, 7-2 Make Me Proud, 4-1 The Can Can Man, 5-1 Sheep Stealer, 11-2 Any Dream Would Do, 12-1 Boring, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 22 winners from 64 runners, 34.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 52 from 187, 27.8%; M H Easterby, 25 from 98, 25.5%; P Cheesbrough, 3 from 12, 25.0%; L Lungo, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J J O'Neill, 11 from 52, 21.2%.
JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 10 winners from 32 rides, 31.3%; M Dwyer, 36 from 144, 25.0%; D Ryan, 4 from 16, 25.0%; P Niven, 54 from 224, 24.1%; L Wyer, 24 from 111, 21.6%; G Grant, 47 from 221, 21.3%.

□ Norman Mason, owner of such good horses as Clever Folly and Radical Lady, saddled his first winner since taking out a licence last season when Mr Glen won at Kelso yesterday.

Sneakapenny looks best

SPEEDY Boy and Le Kingdom, last year's respective winners of the *Sporting Life*-sponsored mens' and ladies' open races both return today to the **Heythrop** point-to-point meeting to attempt the double (Brian Beel writes).

Neither will find the task easy. Speedy Boy has done little of note this term and may be beaten by the former handicap chaser, Sneakapenny. The form of Le Kingdom cannot be faulted but Mister Gebo could spring a surprise in the ladies' event.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Heythrop, village, 2 miles east of Chipping Norton (first race 2.00); Dumfriesshire, Lockerbie, 2m SW of town (2.00).

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New league to improve tennis players' development



Hutchins: wants change

BY ALIX RAMSAY

TRADITION is hard to change in England, and nowhere more so than in tennis. While in Europe, the tennis clubs provide the development ground for young players, in Britain, the emphasis is still based on a gentle game of doubles and a decent social calendar.

But things are beginning to change, albeit slowly. On Sunday, the Royal Berkshire became the first club to retain its title in the Vauxhall Indoor Trophy, and next month it begins its challenge for the new Everest National League championship. The two events provide much needed singles competition for both county level players and those on the verge of making the step up to the professional circuit. At the same time, they are encouraging the clubs to change their ways, and concentrate on competitive tennis.

Paul Hutchins, who is setting up the National League, is no admirer of England's traditional club scene, but he hopes league tennis will have some impact on the old school. "Obviously, the league won't change attitudes, but with the Lawn Tennis Association's various schemes to improve courts and facilities, and with the indoor tennis initiative, the league can form part of an overall plan," he said. "The clubs are the hardest part of the game to change."

Howard McGuiness knows the problem only too well. A coach at the Puma Welwyn Centre, he competes every year in Europe in the German League, playing for Dortmund. The top Dortmund clubs attract sponsorship, and can afford to pay players from the top 50 to compete for them. "The big difference there is that the members accept that the most important thing is their club team," he said. "One minute, I'm paying for my subs and court fees to play for my club over here, and the next minute, Dortmund are flying me to Germany and paying me to represent them. There, I'm a professional, here I'm an amateur."

The Vauxhall Trophy provides the biggest prize-money fund in the country for an event of its kind at £23,000. The winning team receives £4,500, valuable cash to fund the players' travelling commitments as they make their way up the tennis ladder. With so much at stake, Brian Hewitt, the tournament director, is convinced the English leagues are starting to have an effect.

With both cash and kudos to play for, the Vauxhall Trophy is expanding to take in more teams next year, while the Everest League has attracted 840 teams. Hutchins said: "We want to build up a club base, and improve the structure to become more like the European leagues."

But it takes time to implement change. Mike Wyeth, the Royal Berkshire's top player, admits that the standard at his club is still low. At the age of 20, and as a professional tennis coach, he has no trouble securing a court for practice these days. But as an up-and-coming junior, he had to fight to get a chance to play. "The big clubs like ours cost a lot of money, and attract people who can afford it rather than good players," he said. "But the smaller clubs, which cost less, have the wrong attitude to juniors."

Joker McCoist an ace in Europe's goalscoring pack



Andrew Longmore on the prolific marksman with the European Cup final in his sights tomorrow

He is Peter Pan to some, His Royal Shyness to others, plain Coisty to his team-mates. He has a genius for being late for appointments, save those which involve a football and a net, and has infuriated and delighted managers in roughly equal measure. But on one thing everyone agrees: Ally McCoist is the best goalscorer to come out of Scotland since Denis Law. His domestic record proves it: 34 league goals last season — 39 in total — when he won the Golden Boot for being Europe's top scorer and 52 already this season.

Every one has been valuable to Rangers' domination, but if he managed to add to his tally against Marseilles tomorrow night and ensured a place in the European Cup final, no price could be put on the pride it would cause. The blue-and-white end of Glasgow have waited 26 years to emerge from the shadow of Celtic's Lions of Lisbon, who won the European Cup in 1967.

As Marseilles found during the 2-2 draw at Ibrox in the opening group A champions' league game, it is as hard to keep McCoist quiet on the pitch as it is off it. In fact, the only time Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, can remember him being lost for words was in the aftermath of an England international. As usual, McCoist had taken the microphone to do his impersonation of The Boss — Bruce Springsteen, that is, not Walter Smith, his manager at Rangers. As usual, it had taken the house by storm, but as McCoist basked in the glory, much as he does after scoring, up stepped Tommy Burns with a pitch-perfect impression of Frank Sinatra. "He completely buried Alistair," Roxburgh recalled. "Ally went very quiet. He was actually quite delighted when Tommy retired and he had no more competition."

McCoist is now 30 and does not like being reminded of the fact. "That's a cheap shot," he retorted to Roxburgh's gentle reminder of passing time. But, if looks are anything to go by, McCoist has nothing to fear. His best impression of all is that of a schoolboy, complete with miscreant hair and impish go-on-I-dare-you smile. As Graeme Souness found out during his tempestuous but successful spell at Ibrox, it is mighty difficult to play the headmaster to McCoist's truant and his failure, at a conservative estimate, cost the club 40 goals.

When he is happy — and that is most of the time — McCoist shows it by scoring goals by the hatful, off thigh, nose, boot, backside, sometimes even the head. Souness could not always see the funny side of McCoist's stream of one-liners and relegated him to the substitutes' bench so often that McCoist was given a new nickname, The Judge. "Souness was good for Rangers, not so good for me," is McCoist's succinct summary.

MARC ASPLAND



Head to head: McCoist is a menace for defenders

Souness misread McCoist's flippancy for lack of respect. Roxburgh, who first coached McCoist in the Scotland youth team, has a better understanding of the man. "I've known him for 14 years and he has never changed, not in the way he looks or the way he behaves. He is a natural humorist, a very funny man. But if you watch him at shooting practice in training, he will joke around until it is his turn and then it is real business. He is very serious about his profession and very determined. He is not a happy-go-lucky character all the time," he said. Just 90 per cent of it.

But just how good a goal-scorer is McCoist? Terry Butcher, a former colleague at Rangers and now player-manager of Sunderland, rates the Scotsman above Gary Lineker, which is a claim verging on blasphemy to anyone south of Hadrian's Wall.

"People say he's only playing in the Scottish League and it's easy to score goals there. But they forget you are under intense pressure the whole time because so much is expected each week. Other teams come to Ibrox and it's their cup final. It's far more demanding than playing some Premier League stuff down here," Butcher said.

The one weakness in McCoist's credentials is his record at international level; 15 goals in 45 games is fair, but no match for Lineker's 49 in 80. Roxburgh provides an explanation for that. "You have to remember that Rangers are dominating every game, so McCoist is getting lots of opportunities. Balls are coming into the box all the time and he is getting on the end of them. Scotland are a middle-of-the road side and so he is not getting the chances. It's not his fault, it's ours."

It did not help that Roxburgh left McCoist out of the first two matches in Scotland's abortive World Cup challenge in 1990, an omission which lead to a frank exchange of views between the two, though no lasting breach in the relationship. It is hard to be angry with McCoist for long, even, as once happened to his long-suffering biographer, Crawford Brankin, when he telephones from North America at the moment he should be at an interview in Glasgow.

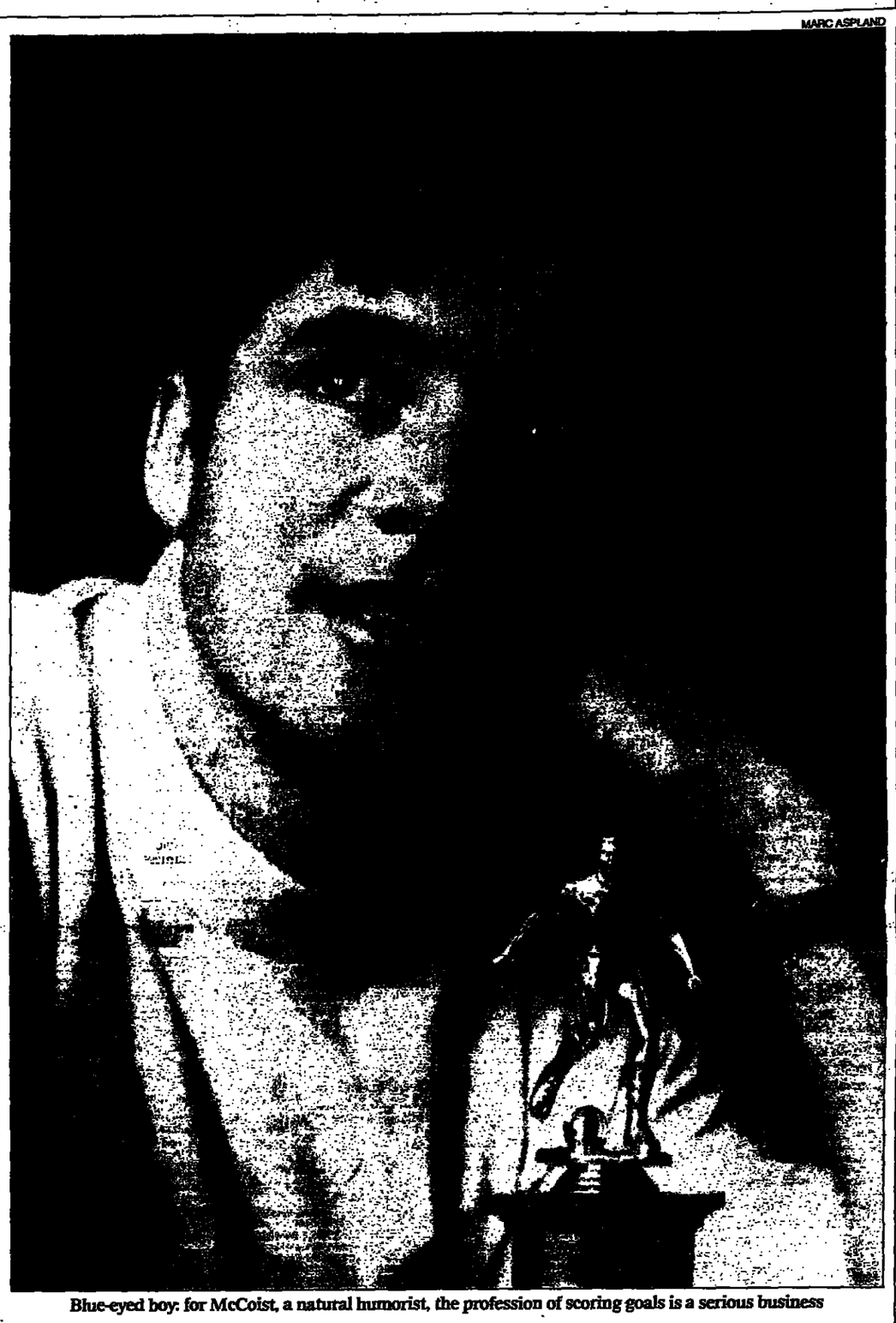
He has a similar build to Lineker, small, sturdy, stronger than he looks, more in the mould of Gerd Müller than Marco van Basten, not elegant but highly effective. Like Lineker, too, McCoist has discovered the priceless art of being in the right place at the right time. A matter of intuition or training? "That's always the question, isn't it?" Roxburgh said. "How much is it inspiration and how much perspiration? Paul Sturrock [of Dundee] developed into an international striker, but with Ally the instinct was already there. I saw him once early in his career when he was at St Johnstone and he scored four in one game or something crazy. You can't put in what God left out and, in Ally's case, God put in quite a lot."

But even McCoist's cast-iron confidence has been dented by lean spells, notably during two years at Sunderland, when he found a wife but could not find the net, and at Rangers under Jock Wallace. McCoist still recalls a 1-0 defeat by Dundee in the Scottish Cup when his own supporters turned on him with a vengeance. "Nowadays when I get the backslapping and the autograph hunters," he wrote in his autobiography, *Ally McCoist: My Story*, "I find myself thinking: Were you one of the chorus that day?"

Such is the fickle nature of his profession, McCoist can do no wrong these days and the next few weeks could prove to be the peak of his career.

Nor need he worry about life after football. If all else fails — and his gift of the gab will doubtless ensure a profitable future in television — he already has one offer on the table from the manager of Sunderland. "He can come and be our entertainments officer any time."

MARC ASPLAND



Blue-eyed boy: for McCoist, a natural humorist, the profession of scoring goals is a serious business

Promoters pool resources to rule out fees

BY CRAIG LORD

THE root of all evil in swimming is not so much money as the way it is spent, according to organisers of events who are struggling to stem demands for appearance money.

This week Edinburgh and Sheffield prepare to welcome several world record holders, Olympic and World Cup champions. The aims of the Uncle Ben's Edinburgh International from Thursday to Saturday and the Optrex World Challenge on Easter Monday, both televised, are to provide the best possible competition for British swimmers at home and to present a showcase for the sport.

To ensure success, the events, backed by the district and city councils and private sponsors, have together sought to attract international swimmers with big prizes.

A world record in Edinburgh will win a Ford Mondeo from Alexanders, a European or Commonwealth record £1,000, and the top three in each event will collect smaller cash prizes. In Sheffield, winners of each event win $1,000.

Yet some will not compete. Among those is Tom Jager, the American who holds the world record at 50 metres freestyle (long-course) and whom organisers had hoped would race Mark Foster, of Britain, the world record holder at the same distance in a short-course pool. The circumstances were ideal; Edinburgh is to host a long-course event at the Royal Commonwealth pool, while Ponds Forge at Sheffield will stage a short-course event.

But Jager wanted a travel and appearance fee package of almost £10,000. Given the experience of Hamburg organisers last month — Jager was paid $5,000 to appear but finished seventh at 50 metres in a poor time — Paul Bush, director for England, refused.

Confirming, as did Edinburgh, that only travel and accommodation expenses would be met, Bush said: "We want to see the money go into performance, not appearance. If Jager thinks the sport can afford that just for him, he's living in cloud-cuckoo land."

Nick Gillingham, who had requested £5,000 to risk appearing in Edinburgh, when he was to race Mike Barrowman, the Olympic champion, 72 hours later at Sheffield, said, nonetheless, that he supported performance over appearance.

But he believes he has lost money by refusing to appear at Edinburgh. He said Sheffield had suggested the first prize on Monday was $10,000, but they could not attract Barrowman and had reduced their prizes. Gillingham would have settled for less from Edinburgh had he known he would not be facing Barrowman.

A spokesman for Edinburgh, whose budget is about £50,000, said the "door is open to Nick until Wednesday night". He said it was preferable to spread money around in prizes rather than run exclusive budgets for a few champions. "If they are the best in the world, they should have little difficulty winning the prizes."

Fina, the international governing body, agreed at the weekend to pay prize-money for world records broken in the World Cup next year.

Russian joins Grove

EVGUENI Brainin, of Russia, has signed for the British table tennis league champions, NFD Grove, and will compete and live in England next season (Richard Eaton writes).

Brainin, 24, was recommended by his compatriot, Elena Timina, the woman who helped Grove to the semi-finals of the European Cup this season.

Brainin, like Timina, will live in Market Drayton and be provided with free transport and accommodation as well as an income, much of which he will be able to save and take home.

Although unranked in the world (following the collapse of the Soviet Union's association and the lack of international competitive opportunities) he should enhance the Shropshire club's European ambitions.

Texas can give Ryan ideal leaving present

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

THE major league baseball season that started with nine games yesterday will be the last for the venerable Nolan Ryan, who hopes to finish his career in the World Series for the first time since 1968, his second year in major leagues.

The right-handed Texas Rangers pitcher, daunting despite being the oldest player at 46, holds or shares 52 records.

He is well ahead in two leading categories, no-hitters (seven) and strikeouts (5,668). However, he has never won a World Series title.

The Rangers have a refurbished middle infield, a transplanted relief ace, Tom Henke, and two of the best sluggers, Juan Gonazalez and Jose Canseco, so Texas may give Ryan a worthy going-away season.

The Rangers' chances in the American League West look good because the pitching staff of the Oakland Athletics was gutted by free agency.

The Minnesota Twins could contend, pending the progress of their young starting pitchers, and the hard-hitting Chicago White Sox could challenge with Bo Jackson and Ozzie Guillen reasonably fit.

In the American League East, the Toronto Blue Jays, the Series champions, have a revamped but potent line-up.

The National League has two new teams, the Florida Marlins and the Colorado Rockies. Expansion clubs inevitably struggle in their first season.

The Pittsburgh Pirates have dominated the National League East for three seasons but are unlikely to sustain their excellence without Barry Bonds and Doug Drabek, who were among a record 250 players to change teams. The Montreal Expos look solid.

In the National League West, the Atlanta Braves, pennant winners the last two years, have assembled one of the best starting rotations in recent memory. Their competition will come from the Cincinnati Reds, Houston Astros and San Francisco Giants.

Becker under fitness cloud

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE health of Boris Becker, the world's fourth-ranked tennis player, is shrouded in mystery. He has withdrawn from five successive tournaments, the latest this week's Japan Open in Tokyo.

On the day the German should have been playing in Japan, he was on a tennis court in Monte Carlo with Henri Leconte, the French professional. A tennis coach at the Monte Carlo Country Club told the Associated Press that Becker spent the morning hitting with Leconte. "He practised this morning with Leconte for two hours and will practise again this afternoon," Bernard Balert said.

Becker, 25, has not completed a tournament since he was forced to pull out of the Eurocard Open in Stuttgart in mid-February because of a viral infection. He has also missed competitions in Rotterdam and Osaka, Japan, and dropped out in the third round of a tournament in Key Biscayne last month, again with a virus.

Why Becker has been sick so long remains unclear. His doctor, Hans-Wilhelm Mueller-Wohlfahrt, has declined to comment.

According to Berlin's *Morgenpost* newspaper, the doctor "respects the wish of his prominent patient and is making nothing public".

A spokeswoman for the Association of Tennis Professionals Tour said it was informed only that Becker's withdrawals were for "medical reasons".

The *Morgenpost* quoted Nikki Pilic, the German Davis Cup captain, as saying that perhaps Becker had never been fully cured of the virus that knocked him out of the Stuttgart tournament. Becker did not play with the German Davis Cup team that won in Moscow a week ago, having announced earlier in the year that he would skip the first Davis Cup round and concentrate on his goal of regaining the world No. 1 spot.



Becker: mystery

His withdrawals, however, make it unlikely he will regain the top spot soon. This year, Becker has won only in Qatar and Milan.

Officials at Monte Carlo, where Becker has his official residence, say they expect the German to play in the tournament there starting on April 19. The *Morgenpost* reported that Becker may come back a week earlier to play in Nice if his condition improves.

☐ Jeremy Bates, of Britain, yesterday forced Guillaume Raoux, of France, to a first-set tie-break in the first round of the Japan Open in Tokyo, but eventually went down 7-6, 6-3. David Wheaton, of the United States, beat Ryuso Tsujino 6-4, 6-3.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	20	240	fair	open	cloudy	0	4/4
(Windblown snow on compact base upper. 38 lifts open)							
Flaine	30	260	good	open	sunny	1	4/4
(20cms of fresh snow on runs. 37 of 46 runs open)							
Tignes	140	350	good	open	sunny	-1	4/4
(Excellent skiing on all levels. Descent to Les Brevieres open)							
Valloire	10	95	fair	worn	fine	0	4/4
(Artificial snow in use. Lower runs patchy. 19 lifts open)							
Val Thorens	100	310	good	fair	cloudy	2	4/4
(Runs below 1,600m not recommended. Entire area open)							
ITALY							
Bormio	60	140	good	open	sunny	6	24/3
(Firm snow base on upper runs. 15 of 17 lifts open)							
Courmayeur	30	150	good	patchy	fine	8	2/4
(Spring snow above mid-station. 20 of 23 lifts open)							
Livigno	15	95	variable	some	fine	0	2/4
(Best on upper runs and Mottolino area. 21 of 27 lifts open)							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbuhel	0	130	variable	closed	cloudy	6	4/4
(Resort quiet. Snow at mid-station soft by noon)							
Lech	60	140	variable	patchy	sunny	3	3/4
(Dry snow on firm base upper runs. Entire area open)							
Obergurgl	75	175	good	open	sunny	3	3/4
(20cms of fresh snow on runs. Slick patches on lower runs)							
Schladming	10	140	fair	patchy	cloudy	5	29/3
(Best above mid-station. 80% of lifts, runs open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Klosters	10	210	fresh	thin	cloudy	-1	4/4
(Dry snow on hardpacked base above mid-station. 28 lifts open)							
Saas Fee	25	265	good	open	sunny	-2	4/4
(Fresh snow on hardpacked runs. Cold temperatures preserving snow base)							
Verbier	10	300	fair	open	fine	-2	4/4
(Fresh snow on all runs. Some lower runs closed)							
Zermatt	15	160	good	thin	fine	1	3/4
(Fresh snow on hardpacked base. Links with Italy open)							

Information supplied by Ski Hotline

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (40525)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (32432167)
9.05 Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (r) (s) (7599167) **9.30 Why Don't You . . ?** (s) (92029)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8004761) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7416815)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (88117438)
12.05 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by Neil and Glenys Kinnock and singer Betty Boo (s) (4730148)
12.45 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. A review of the morning's events (s) (14219612) **12.55** *Regional News and weather* (37385438)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (84896) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (11594167)
1.50 Golden Fiddles. Episode one of a two-part Australian drama following the fluctuating fortunes of a family living in South Australia during the Depression years. Starring Kate Nelligan, John Bach and Rachel Friend (65110815)
3.25 The Flintstones (1948631) **3.50 The Brollys** (r) (2400815) **4.05 Bodger and Badger** (r) (5003709) **4.20 Happy Families** (r) (s) (5017902) **4.35 Prince Valiant**. A new Knights of the Round Table adventure series. (Ceefax) (s) (7603709)
***5.00* Newsround** (5590728) **5.10 The Lowdown.** *Why Don't You Stick To Your Own Kind?* features young Protestants and Roman Catholics on what it is like living in a divided society. (Ceefax) (s) (6074419)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (241983). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. *(Ceefax) Weather (693)*
6.30 Regional News Magazines (273). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando is in Cyprus; Kathy Tayler on a weekend break in Rome; Frank Barrett samples Argentina; and Gloria Hunniford has a pub crawl with a difference in Dublin. (Ceefax) (s) (4964)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (457)

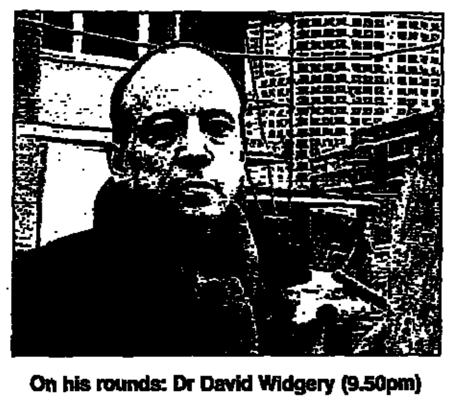


The big day: Angelis and Hendrickse (8.00pm)

8.00 Luv. Family comedy series, written by Carla Lane and starring Michael Angelis and Sandy Hendrickse. (Ceefax) (s) (3612)
8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman, Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont are joined by Nick Gillingham, Curtis Robb, David Batty and Lucinda Green. (Ceefax) (s) (9419)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4493)
9.30 Film: Witness (1985) starring Harrison Ford and Kelly McGillis. Romantic thriller, nominated for eight Oscars, about a no-nonsense Philadelphia policeman given the task of protecting an Amish mother and son after the boy witnesses a savage murder. Directed by Peter Weir. *(Ceefax)* (292849). Northern Ireland: Harry Enfield 10.00 Harvest Time 10.40 Michael Bolton
11.20 This is Michael Bolton. The singer in concert (723877). Northern Ireland: 11.30 Beyond the Shadows 11.45-1.30am Film McQ
12.10am Beyond the Shadows. Series for Holy Week. (Ceefax) (7318216) ***12.25 Weather*** (4940552)
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (55649) **3.15-3.45 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (44533)

BBC2

6.45 Open University 8.00 Breakfast News (8396235) ***8.15 Top Gear Take Two*** (r) (s) (5536167) **8.20 Women of our Century**. Dame Flora Robson (r). (Ceefax) (9813254)
9.00 Film: Lady of Deceit (1947, b/w) *starring* Lawrence Tierney and Claire Trevor. Melodramatic tale of a divorcée who meets and falls in love with a double murderer. Directed by Robert Wise (41867)
10.30 Film: September Affair (1950, b/w) starring Joan Fontaine and Joseph Cotten. Romance about a couple who, after discovering that they have been listed dead in a plane crash, *begin a new life* together. Directed by William Dieterle (88199032)
12.10 Arthur Negus Enjoys. Syon House (r) (8773709)
12.30 In at the Deep End. Chris Serle becomes one of the paparazzi (r). (Ceefax) (4275273)
1.20 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (13285051) **1.30 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (62333032) **1.35 Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers** (r) (18032419)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60593438) **2.05 Winter Visitors From The Siberian Taiga**. A documentary on the great flocks of birds that migrate from Siberia to Finland (28291506) **2.30 See Hear!** Magazine for the hard-of-hearing (s) (r) (506)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (8092167) **3.05 International Golf.** Highlights of the 1992 US Masters (8146544) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), Regional news and weather (8424341)
4.00 Film: Encore (1952, b/w). W Somerset Maugham introduces dramatisations of three of his stories — *The Ant and the Grasshopper, Winter Cruise* and *Gigolo and Gigolette*. Directed by Pat Jackson, Anthony Pelissier and Harold French (51631)
5.30 Film 93 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (322)
6.00 Film: Son of Paleface (1952) starring Bob Hope and Jane Russell. *Comedy western, satirising all* aspects of the genre. Directed by Frank Tashlin (60677)
7.30 Painted Passions. The first of five programmes *telling the story of the Passion through art.* (Ceefax) (916506)
7.45 Education Special: Warnock's Children (s) See Choice (759590)
8.30 Secret Nature: Life on the Edge. The wildlife of the Undercliff, situated between Axmouth and Lyme Regis. (Ceefax) (s) (6231)
9.00 Quantum Leap. *American science fiction drama* series (Ceefax) (s) (514235)



On his rounds: Dr David Widgery (9.50pm)

9.50 40 Minutes: Limehouse Doctor. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (822167)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (934761)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (249457) **11.55 Weather** (724896)
12.00 Open Forum. The world of computers (2599755). Ends at **12.25am**

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CHOICE

40 Minutes: Limehouse Doctor
BBC2, 9.50pm

Dianne Tammes's film follows Dr David Widgery on his rounds in the East End of London. Although not overtly propagandist, this is hardly a party political broadcast for the Conservatives. Dr Widgery's typical clients are the old and the homeless and many of them belong to the area's huge immigrant community. Here is a portrait of a caring GP doing his best in almost impossible conditions. There is a chronic shortage of housing, hospitals are closing and the ambulance service takes hours to answer a call. Nor are the patients always very good at helping themselves. The job requires boundless patience and *sympathy*. Dr Widgery, sadly, is *no longer doing it*. He died suddenly last year while still in his forties.

Education Special: Warnock's Children
BBC2, 7.45pm

In 1978 as plain Mrs Mary Warnock she brought out a report on the education of children with special needs. Fifteen years later Baroness Warnock assesses how effective her recommendations have been. Her main idea was to target the smaller number of children with *severe learning difficulties, leaving the majority to* be taught in normal schools with additional help. She now feels that the minority has been looked after at the expense of the rest. She tests this feeling by visiting *schools in Birmingham and Oxford*, though her emphasis is on the better institutions rather than those which are failing. In not many schools would you find a badly disabled boy playing Hamlet. But in the end, not surprisingly, it comes down mainly to money.



Wife and mother: Nastassja Kinski (Ch4, 10.00pm)

Paris, Texas
Channel 4, 10.00pm

After years as an unsung supporting actor Harry Dean Stanton finally achieved stardom as the gaunt hero of this enigmatic study of a man trying to rebuild his life. Stanton's Travis Anderson is *first seen in the Texan* desert, disorientated and in a state of collapse. Gradually the details are filled in. He has been missing for four years, presumed dead. There is a wife (Nastassja Kinski) and a son. A collaboration between the writer Sam Shepard and the German director Wim Wenders *Paris, Texas* is a film stronger on atmosphere than narrative drive and will annoy those who like their puzzles neatly resolved. The best thing is to surrender to its moody ambience, helped along by Ry Cooder's plangent guitar score.

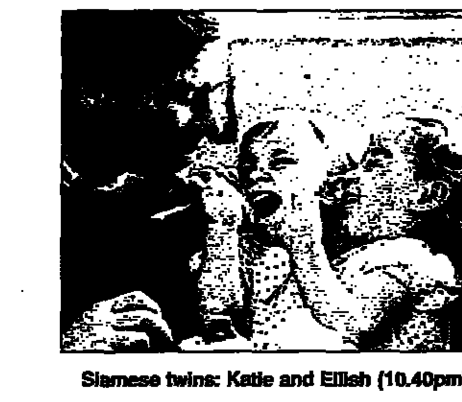
First Tuesday
ITV, 10.40pm

The Yorkshire Television documentary series is ten years old and tonight's edition is a well-deserved exercise in self-congratulation. *First Tuesday* is consistently among the best factual strands on television, as short clips from more than 50 of its programmes amply demonstrate. It was *First Tuesday* that suggested the Guildford Four might be innocent, long before it was popular to do so. It brought a graphic first-hand account of the My Lai massacre in Vietnam. Perhaps the most memorable programme, partly because it is fairly recent but also because it drew an audience of 12½ million people, charted the story of Katie and Eilish, the Siamese twins. Happy anniversary!

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Judy Cornwall, Millicent Martin and Anne Charleston (7145341)
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz game (7588051) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7492235)
10.00 Police Academy. Animated series based on the successful film comedy (r) (7402612)
10.25 This Morning. Family magazine (56434964)
12.10 Wizadora Puppet series for children (8760235)
12.30 Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (3524821) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93906099)
1.15 Home and Away. *Australian family drama.* (Teletext) (620070) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (629341)
2.15 Travel UK Valerie Singleton and Chris Packham try hang-gliding in the Peak District, discover Lake Coniston and visit the Beamish Heritage Museum in Co Durham. The guest, singer Helen Shapiro, *discovers the delights of north Essex (s) (611322)* **2.45 Families**. Soap set in the north of England and Australia (s) (4133902)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8003273) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8002544) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (1925780)
3.50 Rod 'n' Emu. Animation (r) (8428167) **4.00 Toucan Tecs** (s) (5099506) ***4.15 The Dreamstone.*** Animated adventure series (r) (s) (5229362) **4.40 Finders Keepers**. Game show (6223728)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2498970)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (842761)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. The guests include actor Willem Dafoe (Teletext) (42542)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (9032)
7.30 Beam and Da Silva investigate the scandal of *London's "right to buy" victims (525)*
8.00 The Bill: Hard Evidence. DC Woods is concerned that a former boss, heading a Sun Hill murder inquiry, is rather too keen to arrest the prime suspect. (Teletext) (8780)
8.30 Film: Police Academy IV — Citizens on Patrol (1987) starring Steve Guttenberg. The madcap comedy continues with Commandant Lassard deciding that it is high time to initiate a neighbourhood watch scheme, and the bumbling policeman are brought in to help. Directed by Jim Drake (97780)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (43490) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (709167)



Siamese twins: Katie and Eilish (10.40pm)

10.40 First Tuesday: Ten Years on First Tuesday. See Choice (546952)
***11.40* Prisoner: Cell Block H** (695047)
12.30 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar '93. A preview of the second race of the season, in Phoenix, Arizona (79113)
1.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (87197)
2.00 Film: Who Are You? (1970) starring Romy Schneider. *A man is killed in a car crash and his* woman passenger who survives is suspected of foul play. Directed by Leonard Keigel (73674)
3.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (21216)
4.00 The Beat featuring the James Taylor Quartet (r) (s) (11378) **5.00 Riviera**. French drama series (86552)
5.30 ITN Morning News (85723). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street (r) (2070849)
6.45 Dennis. Animation (r) (3948761)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (74419)
9.00 Wish Kid *(r)* (60167) **9.30 The Batman** (b/w) Gotham City's dynamic duo do battle once again with the forces of evil (r) (6020877) **9.50 Robin Hoodlum**. Alternative cartoon version of the Sherwood Forest legend (7491506)
9.55 Gamesmaster. Computer and video games series (r) (7417815) **10.30 New Kids on the Block — On Tour.** *A mixture of live and animated pop music* series (r) (1206544) **10.55 The Miraculous Mellops**. Australian science fiction adventures (r) (1281235) **11.25 The Bunbury Tales** (r) (5786761) **11.30 The Henderson Kids** Australian family drama (r) (4186)
12.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy *series starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz (73631)*
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is actress Whoopi Goldberg (96761)
1.30 Little Rosey Animated adventures of a baby Roseanne Arnold (r) (s) (90896)
2.00 Film: Crisis (1950, b/w) starring Cary Grant and Paula Raymond. Thriller about an American *surgeon kidnapped with his wife and forced to* operate on a Central American despot. Directed by Richard Brooks (486693)
3.45 Raising the Roof Another report on the progress of the home-building Tynesiders (8429896)
3.55 Survival: Baboon. Rob and Moira Borland's film, made over the course of a year, observing baboons living on an island in Botswana's Okavango swamp (r) (9549709)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz game. (Teletext) (s) (438)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Young men talk about why they prefer older women, singer and actress Cher explains why she likes younger men (Teletext) (s) (7042780)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's series (r) (390099)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber *(r)* (631)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana Off-beat, surreal comedy starring Omri Katz (s) (983)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (222186)
7.50 Caves, Castles and Council Houses. The series tracing the history of housing looks at what went wrong with the tower blocks of the 1960s (899490)
8.00 Free For All. One viewer-reporter discusses the secret movement of nuclear weapons across Britain by road; another exposes working conditions for Asian workers in a northern factory (6322)
8.30 The Pulse. *The healthcare series continues with a* look at treatments for incontinence (5457)



Not guilty: Howard Jacobson's Judas (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: Sorry, Judas. Howard Jacobson tests the hypothesis that Judas has been badly misjudged. (Teletext) (s) (4815)
10.00 Film: Paris, Texas *(1984). (Teletext) See Choice* (31502341)
12.40am Raising The Roof. Another report from the Tyneside building site (3181216)
12.45 Housing Problems (b/w). A 1935 documentary examining the horrors of slum-dwellings (8813668). Ends at **1.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1925780) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2498970) **6.00** Home and Away (662728) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (174780) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (525) **12.35** Film: Quatermass and the Pit (666945) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (5516465) **3.25** ITV Chart Show(2136858) **4.30** Riviera (68002) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (86552)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (1925780) **6.00** Lookaround (761) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (341) **7.30-8.00** Business First (525) **12.35** Film: Quatermass and the Pit (666945) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (5516465) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (2136858) **4.30** Riviera (68002) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (86552)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (620070) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (629341) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (1925780) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2498970) **6.00** Home and Away (662728) **6.25-7.00** Central News (174780) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (525) **11.40** Central Sports Special (455964) **12.35** Film: Country Gold (579465) **2.20** The Big E (1672910) **3.15** Sport AM (167842) **4.15** Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Gardener's Diary (4133902) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (1925780) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2498970) **6.00** Home and Away (761) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (341) **7.30-8.00** The Big Green Boat Show (525) **11.40** Granada Soccer Night (455964) **12.35** Film: Quatermass and the Pit (666945) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (5516465) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (2136858) **4.30** Riviera (68002) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (86552)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (629341) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (1925780) **6.00** HTV News (761) **6.30-7.00** Fit to Win (341) **7.30-8.00** Country Watch (525) **11.40** The West Match (455964) **12.35** Film: Quatermass and the Pit (666945) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (5516465) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (2136858) **4.30** Riviera (68002) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (86552)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** On the Edge **7.30-8.00** The Sherman Plays: Cows and Calculus **11.40-12.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Young Doctors (1925780) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (761) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (341) **7.30-8.00** Fit to Win (525) **11.40-12.30** Midweek Sport (695047) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (86552)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1925780) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (109065) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (341) **7.30-8.00** Billy (525) **11.40** Sports Night Out (455964) **12.35** Meditations for Holy Week (8895262) **12.50** Comedy Tonight (9829620) **1.15** The Little Picture Show (154378) **2.15** 60 Minutes (5609129) **3.10** Countdown (9094533) **4.10** Disaster Chronicles (44263151) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (7465571)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (629341) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (42542) **7.30-8.00** Bon Voyage (525) **11.40** Crime Story (455964) **12.35** Film: Quatermass and the Pit (666945) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (5516465) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (2136858) **4.30** Riviera (68002) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (629341) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (1925780) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (42542) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounters (525) **12.35** Film: Quatermass and the Pit (666945) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (5516465) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (2136858) **4.30** Riviera (68002) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (86552)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1925780) **5.55** Calendar (109065) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (341) **7.30-8.00** Billy (525) **11.40** Sports Night Out (455964) **12.35** Meditations for Holy Week (8895262) **12.50** Comedy Tonight (9829620) **1.15** The Little Picture Show (154378) **2.15** 60 Minutes (5609129) **3.10** Countdown (9094533) **4.10-4.35** *Disaster Chronicles (44263151)*

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24707070) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5313419) **9.10** Cartoons (5421322) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (13761) **10.00** Strike it Rich (94709) **10.30** Concentration (15631) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (46525) **11.30** Falcon Crest (95761) **12.30pm** E Street (24877) **1.00** Another World (6509419) **1.45** Santa Barbara (274815) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (928148) **3.15** Different Strokes (255780) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4172322) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5235) **6.00** Games World (2877) **6.30** E Street (8457) **7.00** Rescue (6964) **7.30** Family Ties (5341) **8.00** Murphy Brown (5612) **8.30** Anything But Love (1419) **9.00** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (75525) **10.00** Designing Women (60952) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (64772) **11.30** Studs (83693) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (18438) **6.30** News and Business Report (943186) **9.30** Nightline (44631) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (97099) **11.30** Business Report (17631) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (91815) **1.30** Good Morning America (92544) **2.30** Parliament Live (8103693) **3.15** Parliament Live (2722070) **4.30** News and Business Report (2254) **5.00** Live at Five (83983) **6.30** News and Business Report (83849) **7.30** Target (3983) **8.00** News Hour (528506) **10.30** Nightline (38902) **11.30** ABC World News (91983) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (48007) **1.30** ABC News (34755) **2.30** Target (45200) **3.30** ABC News (20945) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (41533) **5.30** ABC News (39007)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6191902)
10.00 Born to Ride (1991). The cavalry division learns to ride motorbikes (28693)
12.00 Lightning, The White Stallion (1986): An old man and two youngsters become attached to a horse (92341)
2.00pm Malcolm Takes a Shot (1990). A basketball player has epilepsy (80506)
3.00 The Perfect Date *(1989): Everything goes wrong on the night* (43438)
4.00 The Time Guardian (1987): Killer cyborgs from the 40th century arrive (8457)
6.00 Born to Ride (1991) (as 10am) (89728)
8.00 Dillinger (1991): Biopic about the 1930s gangster (84273)
10.00 The Octagon (1980): Chuck Norris sets out to locate the killer ninjas (321544)
11.45 Freeway Maniac *(1988).* A boy murders his mother and her lover (953812)
1.20am Two Moon Junction (1989): A girl falls for an itinerant worker (428868)
3.00 For the Very First Time (1990): A Jewish boy falls for a Catholic girl (627303)
4.35 The Sher Mountain Killings Mystery *(1990): Five children find a strange jewel* (8720668). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Deathtrap (1982): Michael Caine commits plagiarism (47780)
8.00 So Fine (1981): A clothing manufacturer discovers transparent jeans (4780)
10.00-11.35pm The Gold and the Glory *(1983): Two brothers compete for the same* girl (473506)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967): The legend retold (54438)
8.00 Snow White in Happily Ever After (1987): Grimm-style fantasy (77032)
10.00 The Pink Panther (1964): Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau (26235)
12.00 Oklahoma Crude (1973): A single woman defends her oil well (90983)
2.00pm Come Blow Your Horn (1963): *Frank Sinatra shows his brother how to live* the high life (67506)
4.00 Snow White in Happily Ever After (as 8am) (8709)
6.00 Immediate Family (1990): James Woods and Glenn Close want to adopt a baby (70070)
8.00 Heart Condition (1990). Bob Hoskins plays a racist detective (82815)
10.00 Nightmare on the 13th Floor *(1990).* A writer discovers a satanic cult (16070)
11.30 The Russia House (1990): Michelle Pfeiffer and Sean Connery are involved in espionage (53954231)
1.35am Cool Blue (1988) A painter pursues a dream woman (760281)
3.10 Homer and Eddie (1989). James Belushi and Whoopi Goldberg make an odd *couple (273026). Ends at 4.50am*

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (47815) **7.00** Jack High *(19322)* **8.00** *Boots 'n' All (10051)* **9.00** Stretch (83631) **9.30** US Golf (96099) **11.30** Stretch (70506) **12.00** FA Premier League Norwich City v Manchester Utd (41631) **2.00pm** Snooker (696531) **5.00** Basketball (7235) **6.00** Soccer News (341983) **6.03** Wrestling (99780) **7.00** Snooker (322544) **10.00** Soccer News (295631) **10.03** The Footballers' Football Show (10612) **11.00** German Football (34612) **1.00am** Motor World (11303) **1.30-2.00am** Sports Special (49574)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (73728) **8.00** Diving (12419) **9.00** Tennis ATP Tour (33612) **11.00** Indy Car Grand Prix (59148) **12.00** Eurogoals (95964) **1.00pm** Tennis (44728) **3.00** Tennis ATP Tour (37709) **5.00** Eurogoals (5631) **6.00** Eurofun (4457) **6.30** News (5709) **7.00** Eurotennis (74457) **9.00** Boxing (38803) **10.00** Snooker (68761) **12.00** News (83842)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12965780) **6.15** Button Moon (12960235) **6.30** The All New Popeye Show (6419186) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (3161186) **7.30** Neighbours (3140693) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1589322) **8.30** EastEnders (1588693) **9.00** The Bill (1502273) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (5369896) **10.30** Casualty (6053438) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1073322) **12.00** Sons and *Daughters* (1599709) **12.30pm** *Neighbours* (9928544) **1.00** EastEnders (3160457) **1.30** The Bill (9827815) **2.00** Porridge (7645612) **2.30** Bread (8194542) **3.00** Dallas (1084438) **4.00** Dynasty (1096273) **5.00** Candid Camera (7636964) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (8899790) **6.00** Neighbours (7744001) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (3911525) **7.30** Porridge (7649457) **8.00** EastEnders (7632148) **8.30** Bread (7644983) **9.00** Casualty (8977902) **10.00** The Bill (1590438) **10.30** The Hitch-Hiker's Guide To The Galaxy (7715157) **11.15** The Kenny Everett Television Show (2897273) ***11.45*** *Dr Who* And The Claws Of Axos (2896544) **12.15-2.15am** Till the End of Time (1946): A trio of second world war veterans return to civilian life (8670129)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (62709) **7.00** RatKan II (37525) **9.00** New Kids on the Block (25631) **9.30** The Bears' Island (52273) **10.00** All for One (94411) **10.30** New Adventures of He-Man (21815) **11.00** The *New Fantastic Four (19419)* **11.30** Say Ahhh! (10148) **12.00** Dominic (42896) **1.00pm** Super Mario Brothers (30612) **1.30** New Adventures of He-Man (22033) **2.00** Good Sports (7490) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6490) **3.00** Kissy Fur (6525) **3.30** RatKan II (35836) **5.00-7.00pm** TCC (93032)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: *Learning for Life*: The Widden Family Centre
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Chris de Souza with music, news and weather including Vivaldi (Concerto No 1 in E, Spring, The Four Seasons); Tchaikovsky *(Theme* and Variations, Suite No 4 in G); Haydn (Symphony No 46 in B); Bruckner (Te Deum in C)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Schubert (Violin Sonata in A, D574); Liebhaber in allen Gestalten, D558); Piano Sonata in B, D575); Overture in C, In the Italian Style, D591)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Victoria (Amicus meus; Iudas mercator pessimus; *Unus ex discipulis meis*); Maximo Pujol (Tiempo del hombre); Granados (El tra la la y el Punteado: El majo timido ; *La maja dolorosa)*: Victoria (Tamquam ad latronem; Tenebrae factae sunt; Animam meam dilectam); *Guido Santorsola* (Allegro); Antonio Soler (Quintet No 5 for harpsichord and strings); Victoria (Recessit pastor noster; O vos omnes; Ecce quomodo moritur, Tenebrae Responsories); Pierre Petit (Tarantella); Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain); Piazzola (Adio nonino)
12.00 Byrd and John Bull: Malcolm Proud, harpsichord, plays keyboard music by William Byrd and John Bull (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bournemouth *Sinfonietta* under Jean-Bernard Pommier, piano, performs Mozart (Piano Concerto No 26 in D, K537)
2.35 1991 Esztergom International Guitar Festival: Debussy (Serenade for Doll; Jimbo's Lullaby; Golliwog's Cake-Walk, Children's Corner); Rodrigo (Sonata giocosa); arr Manotti (Guadalajara); Albéniz (Rumores de la Caleta, Recuerdos de viaje; Evocacion, Iberia; Castilla, Suite Espanola)
3.15 Brian Rayner Cook, baritone and Graham Johnson, piano, perform works by Mendelssohn, Webern and Brahms
3.40 Bortkiewicz: Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat performed by BBC SO under Jerzy *Maksymiuk with Stephen* Coombs, piano
4.30 Bluebird Blues: The development of the blues in *the thirties and forties*
5.00 In Tune: music, news and interviews
7.30 London Philharmonic under *Gennadi Rozhdestvensky* with Salvatore Accardo, violin, live from the Festival Hall, London performs Honegger (Horace victorieux) Shostakovich (Violin Concerto No1 1); Rimsky-Korsakov (Sheherazade). In the interval at **8.25** Master of Colour: David Nice looks at Rimsky-Korsakov's influence on composers
9.40 A Pilgrim to Jerusalem: Judi Dench reads from the journal of the fourth century Spanish nun Egeria
9.50 Gounod: Petite symphonie peformed by City of London Sinfonia Wind Soloists (r)
10.15 Sorrows of the Virgin: Richard Hygons (Salve Regina); Anon (Pia mater); John Browne (Stabat iuxta Christi crucem)
10.45 Night Waves with Humphrey *Carpenter*
11.30 Great Masters Restored: Beethoven (Overture: The Creatures of Prometheus); *Beethoven* (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping
6.00 News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News; **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Richard Matthewman: Kicking off to Grammar School (2 of 6) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 *Call Nick Ross*: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides. See Choice *(FM only)*
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Letters to a Friend I Never Knew *(LW only)*
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to singer/songwriter Suzanne Vega. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 Quote . . . *Unquote*: Nigel Rees with Victoria Glendinning, Tony Hawks, Helena Kennedy QC, and Sir David Attenborough ***12.55*** *Weather*
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Lover Come Back. Martyn Wade's spirited comedy about a hen-pecked husband still pining after his old girlfriend. With Stephen Moore, Sherrie Hewson and Federay Holmes
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Simon Joly, conductor of the BBC Singers, and two members of the choir, Judith Bingham and Roger Heath
3.00 News; Cause Célèbre: In *July 1990 Eric and Marilyn* Smith had a knock on their front door from two policemen. Their teenage daughter, Karyn, had been arrested at Bangkok airport charged with attempting to smuggle £4 million worth of heroin (r)
3.30 Punters with Susan Marling
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: talks to David Sweetman, authorof a new biography of Mary Renault; and reviews of *All the Pretty Horses*, the new novel by the reclusive American writer Cormac McCarthy
4.45 Short Story: Mystery at Ivy Manor by Wendy Barr
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** *Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Board Game: Nigel Cassidy with guests Peter Day, *Howard Hodgson, Alastair* Ross Goobey and Janette Rutterford
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Contemporaries of Christ: Prominent people in their early thirties, Jesus's age when he died, reflect on the Passion. This week: Ian Hislop
8.45 In Touch
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** *Weather*
10.00 The World Tonight with Tim Sebastian
10.45 A Book at Bedtime. On the *Third Day by Piers Paul Read* (2 of 10)
11.00 The Radio Programme (r)
11.30 Swings and Roundabouts: *Dylan Winter discovers the* pros and cons of life among the dodgems (r)
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides. *Radio 4 (FM only), 10.00am.*
The curse of the parallels search — that obsessional comparing of how things are with how they used to be — strikes only intermittently in the first episode of *this new series of* travelogues. Contemporary writers and philosophers, Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan, are following in the footsteps of two celebrated predecessors, Dr Johnson and James Boswell, who toured north-west Scotland 220 years ago. This is our old friend *Down Your Way*, with enjoyable variations.

Forces Gold. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Regular Radio 5 listeners will not need *reminding that the* British Forces Broadcasting Service is still alive and extremely well. They can hear it every weekday morning between 11.30 and 12.30. As to how Forces radio *started and* how it blossomed into an international service that made the reputations of many household names, all is revealed in dynamic fashion in this documentary which celebrates the *service's* first 50 years. For half that time, Richard Astbury has worked for BFBS. As tonight's presenter, he puts his insider's knowledge to good use.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** *Bruno Brookes* (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** John Peel **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **6.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News 93 **7.00** Sheffield *South City 93: Mark Goodier live from Sheffield's Leadmill* and Hallam University with Pop Will Eat Itself, Back To The Planet, Senser, New Model Army and Galliano **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner with The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with . . . Jungr and Parker **7.30** Hayes over Britain **9.00** Forces Gold. See Choice ***10.00*** *In Good Voice:* A Day in Music. Maddy Prior features capella music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** The AM Alternative with Janice Long **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Learn to Earn: Anna Grayson looks at careers, education and training for the over-25s **1.05** Luck de Luxe and the Flying Sheds: A comedy adventure by Chris Allen (2 of 4) **1.35** Take Five with Andy Crane **2.30** A Game of Two *Halves* with Caron Keating and Mark Kermode **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** The Boy, the Dog and the Spaceship, read by Rustie Lee (2 of 2) **7.30** Football Plus with Jonathan Legard **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** *News and Press Review in German* **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Music for the Millions **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Whatever Happened To . . **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** St Matthew Passion — Part 1 **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** India's Children of Courage **10.30** Sparks from a Precious Stone **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Father and Son **3.45** Mastersingers **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** St Matthew Passion — Part 1 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** A Bed Press **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

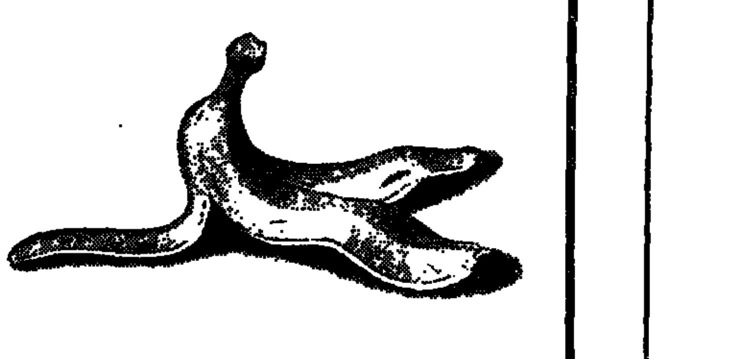
CLASSIC FM

6.00am Mike Smith **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Beethoven (Violin Concerto: Kyung-Wha Chung); Bach (Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring: Gordon Fergus-Thompson, piano) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Opera Guide with Hugh MacPherson **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Belmont Ensemble under Peter Gilbert-Dyson perform Telemann (Concerto in D for two horns); Bach Violin Concerto in E minor), Handel (Water Music) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



TORRENTIAL rain and fierce winds failed to wash out the opening round of the Father and Son Foursomes tournament at West Hill, Surrey, yesterday but the conditions had a detrimental effect on the hopes of one of the early pairings. While greenkeepers were working overtime altering several holes because of flooded greens — such as on the 2nd, where Bob Stovold is pictured putting — Peter Smith, of Surbiton, lost his glasses when they were blown off in the wind and they smashed on the ground. Smith and his son Simon went ahead with their game against the Stokes, the first match of the day, but suffered a one-sided defeat, 8 and 6. Peter and Mark Benka, one of the favourites among the 128 starting pairs, who are the tournament's back-markers with a combined handicap of six, held the edge against the Barclays, eventually winning on the 17th. The biggest surprise was the exit of the 1991 winners, David and Warick Laing, who lost 2 and 1 to the Smarts. Results, page 39

Age no barrier as Andretti makes century

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN PHOENIX

MARIO Andretti is not quite old enough to be Nigel Mansell's father, but he has administered a paternal lesson to his younger teammate in Phoenix. By winning his first IndyCar race for five years in the Valvoline 200 on Sunday, at the age of 53 years and 34 days, the remarkable American completed the hundredth victory of his career, including 12 in Formula One, and established a record of winning in five decades which will defy time as surely as he has himself.

On this occasion, at least, he has shown his more illustrious team-mate, who crashed out of practice on the opening day of the meeting, not just that elder can be better but that there is life for a racing driver the wrong side of 50 if you care to follow the highway code. Andretti's victory was a triumph of stealth and experience, allied to a little luck, and gave a timely reminder that, for all the attention heaped upon him, Mansell is not the only Formula One world champion in the Newman-Haas team.

In Mansell's absence, Andretti prospered, which was not perhaps pure coincidence. "All my best work has been done as a one-man horse, if there is such a thing," Andretti said, pausing before adding the punchline with just the hint of a smile. "But I guess we can't fire anybody." Back in Florida, Mansell's ears must have been tingling along with his bruises. After two races, Andretti leads the championship by 11 points from Mansell, who won the first race in Australia and, provided he has recovered, will be favourite to win the next race in Long Beach.

Ironically, Andretti's first victory in the Nineties came after his son, Michael, had left to drive in Formula One. "Very few people know how hard I tried to win a race in this decade, but a guy named Michael kept winning," Andretti said. "Now we have sent him away, it was my lucky day."

On Sunday, at the European Grand Prix at Donington Park, Michael Andretti will be hoping that some of his father's luck will rub off on him after a wretched start to his new career with Maclaren. Andretti Jr has crashed twice so far, in South Africa and Brazil, and has yet to complete a race lap for his team. If Ayrton Senna decides to stay for the whole season, there will be increasing calls for Maclaren's third driver, Mika Hakkinen, to be given his chance if the American has another poor showing at Donington.

The difficulty in changing from IndyCar racing to Formula One is as tricky for Andretti as the intricacies of the oval have proved for Mansell over the past three days.

Mansell, though, was not the only hard charger to be caught out by the first turn of the notoriously fickle Phoenix International Raceway. John Tracy, who had driven brilliantly to lead the race in his Penske, hit the wall in almost exactly the same spot. Earlier in the race, Robbie Gordon, another young talent, had crashed on the same turn as well. Neither were injured.



Andretti: experienced

With 25 laps to go, Emerson Fittipaldi, who had inherited the lead from his team-mate Tracy, cannoned into the wall at the other end of the one-mile circuit, leaving Andretti to "get this baby home" for the few laps that remained.

"There used to be a lot more accidents here," Andretti said. "It is nothing new. It's not the speeds that are to blame because we were running slower than last year, it's the hot conditions. But sometimes these things just happen."

Turmoil in Wales concerns sponsor

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE vote of no confidence in the general committee of the Welsh Rugby Union passed by clubs on Sunday brought its first repercussion yesterday when the principal sponsor of the game in Wales expressed its concern at the outcome of the meeting.

"We are disappointed with the friction," Paul Vaughan, sponsorship director of Whitbread plc, said. "From our point of view the Heineken League and the international game in Wales seem to be making enormous strides forward. What happened on Sunday does the game no good in that it diverts people's attention and energy away from the game. We do not want to be involved in the local politics. Ours is a commercial deal."

Whitbread has invested £3.1 million in the Heineken League until 1996, and while it is entirely happy with the way its sponsorship continues to progress on the field, what is happening off it might ultimately detract from that image.

"We will not withdraw our commitment, and we would like to think that we are offering some stability during this time of strife," Vaughan said. "But the kind of debate that is taking place does put at risk any other additional revenue the game needs. The game should not be brought into disrepute."

The sponsorship arrangements are in place for the next three years, but there will be further negotiations at the end of the 1994-5 season. If the present dispute continues this could easily be put in jeopardy.

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Samaranch offers support

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN LAUSANNE

JOHN Major was yesterday told by Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, that Manchester "deserves" to stage the 2000 Olympic Games.

Major, who yesterday became the first British prime minister to visit the IOC headquarters here, confirmed the government's support for holding the event, which includes a £2.5 billion commitment to underwrite each cost. Major said: "My presence here today signifies the total and unreserved commitment of the British government in support of this candidature."

Samaranch said Manchester deserves the Games because "the United Kingdom occupies a very special place in the Olympic movement". Britain had also invented many sports, Samaranch said, and "the rules had come from this country". This was a significant declaration by the IOC president, even allowing for his wish to be as gracious as possible when hosting the three-hour visit.

It also marks another stage in Manchester's continuing challenge to Sydney, the favourite, and Peking, Istanbul, Berlin and Brasilia are the other candidates.

The 91 IOC members will vote on the 2000 venue at its meeting on Monte Carlo on September 23. Asked whether Manchester will get the vote, Samaranch said: "It has a good chance. It has the experience of the former bid." Two years ago, Manchester went out in the second round in a poll won by Atlanta, which will stage the 1996 Games.

Major and Samaranch said the fiasco of the Grand National, which was shown on television in more than 20 countries and witnessed by Bob Scott, chairman of Manchester 2000, and two IOC members, would not influence the vote.

Major said: "Life is full of unfortuate incidents. It will not make the slightest difference at all. Someone made a mistake. But compare that with Britain's sporting reputation."

Scott, who accompanied Major to Lausanne, hopes the prime minister will also make a personal pitch at the Monte Carlo session.

The prime minister, who toured the headquarters and the new IOC museum that will be opened in June, said that he had not decided whether he would be going to Monte Carlo as part of the British delegation.



Major: optimistic

However, it is widely believed that he will attend the session in person only if Manchester looks like winning. Asked if he personally would be betting on Manchester finishing ahead of the pack in September, Major replied, with a twist of topical humour, "It might depend on who the starter is."

During a 30-minute private discussion, Major also gave his support to the IOC's desire to have observer status at the United Nations and Samaranch's wish for there to be a truce in any hostilities in the world during the period of the Games, as was traditional during the ancient Olympics in Greece.

Scott said the meeting was immensely friendly and gracious. Asked about Manchester's standing, he said "there was a lot of jockeying among the leading group". He admitted Sydney was in the lead but believed Manchester was making up the ground to become the first British city to host the event since London in 1948.

Manchester has already received more than £75 million in direct funding to build a velodrome and indoor arena and to prepare the ground for the 80,000-seat main stadium in the east of the city, the plans for which were announced last month.

After building the necessary facilities, including an Olympic village to hold 15,000 competitors and officials, the actual staging of the Games is projected to make a profit of more than £70 milion, largely from television fees and sponsorship.

Major travelled to Berne, the Swiss capital, for talks with government ministers that a leading Swiss newspaper described as an afterthought. "Swiss diplomats heard of his sports-related public relations trip and only then invited John Major to Bern," the *Tages-Anzeiger* said.

Pearce unlikely to be available for England

BY CHRIS MOORE

STUART Pearce, the England and Nottingham Forest captain, is unlikely to play again this season after undergoing an exploratory operation yesterday on a long-standing groin injury.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, expects to be informed today or tomorrow of the full extent of the injury. But he must already be facing up to the likelihood of not having Pearce available for England's next three World Cup qualifying games. They play Holland at Wembley on April 28 before travelling to Poland on May 29 and Norway on June 2.

A spokesman close to Pearce said last night: "No one is setting him any deadlines. He just wants to get himself right, and this exploratory operation is part of the process of him knowing that everything is OK. He obviously wants to play again this season if possible, but doesn't want to go through all the hard work just to find the injury letting him down." Pearce has played only one game for Forest since the end of January and has missed England's last two World Cup ties against San Marino and Turkey.

Steve Froggatt, Aston Villa's England under-21 winger, will miss his club's last six games in the run-in to the Premier League title race.

Froggatt goes into hospital tomorrow for a knee operation. Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, said: "We had been hoping after three weeks of complete rest that he could have got through to the end of the season and perhaps figured in a couple of our games if needed. But he tried it out in training again yesterday and it's still not right. The problem is a bit of bone on the side of the knee which will have to be shaved off."

Bruce Grobbelaar has left Liverpool facing a fresh goalkeeping worry after putting country before club. Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, recalled Grobbelaar from a three-month loan to Stoke City because he needed cover for David James at Blackburn last Saturday. Now Grobbelaar has told Souness he is reporting for international duty with Zimbabwe for the best part of three weeks.

The schedule includes African Nations Cup games against Zambia this weekend and South Africa later in the month, with the World Cup rematch against Egypt sandwiched in between on April 15. Fifa ordered the replay in neutral France after a riot at the first match in Cairo, where Grobbelaar was hit on the head by a lump of concrete.

He had a precautionary brain scan, but is determined to help Zimbabwe during their hectic schedule, leaving Liverpool with Danny Emberton, 17, and Tony Warner, 19, as understudies to James.

The Oldham Athletic goalkeeper, John Keeley, a former club record buy at £240,000, was yesterday given a free transfer. Because of injuries, Keeley, 31, has made only four league and cup appearances since his move from Brighton in the summer of 1990.

Mark Stein, the Stoke forward, is to have talks with his manager, Lou Macari, before deciding whether to file a complaint after being spat at following Saturday's match at Stockport County.

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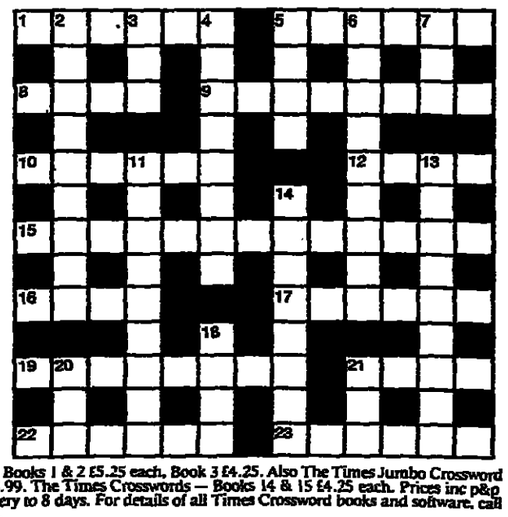
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Botsari — Kadimova, Debrecen 1992. White has a move here that wins immediately. It is the kind of move that could easily be overlooked in the heat of the battle, but is easy enough to find when you know something is there. What is it?



Solution on page 39

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

SIANG

GONZO
a. A hood or thug
b. Way-out journalism
c. To make a pig of oneself

NOOKY
a. A first-year student
b. A police informer
c. Sexual intercourse

POGUE
a. To tail or track
b. A bag or purse
c. A greasy-spoon caff

PLURRY
a. A street fight
b. A brocade waistcoat
c. Bloody

Answers on page 39